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Some fees may go up

■ The amount El Cerrito receives is less than business permits cost to process, according to a report

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is considering increasing the cost for some building and planning permits as well as implementing new fees to process business licenses.

A consultant has recommended the increases as part of an effort to reduce the number of services the city subsidizes. The city paid Sacramento-based public sector consulting firm Maximus \$53,500 for the report.

"Through our budget discussions and our discussions of the UUT (utility users tax), the question of increasing revenue has been an ongoing issue in El Cerrito," said Mayor Sandi Potter. "And this is one of the ways we can begin to address it."

Maximus is recommending that the city institute a \$60 fee to process business licenses and a \$20 fee for business license renewals.

Based on the report, community development director Mitch Oshinsky said he will recommend the city change its building and planning permitting fees so residents are charged based on the square footage of their project.

That will increase fees for larger projects and decrease them for smaller ones, he said.

"I also want to come up with a system ... that would transition or gradually phase in fees to rise over time," said Oshinsky. "Instead of coming up with the highest amount to begin with. So it's something people could adapt to more easily, so it won't be so much of a shock."

The City Council will discuss the recommendations at its first meeting in May and is scheduled to approve a master fee sched-

Albany delays marijuana vote

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany City Council at a busy meeting this week approved a used car dealership on Eastshore Highway, agreed to look at buying land along the waterfront, discussed the city's Veterans Memorial Building and postponed a decision about whether to approve a 45-day moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries.

In the past few months, the city has received several inquiries from people wanting to open dispensaries, said planning manager Dave Dowsell.

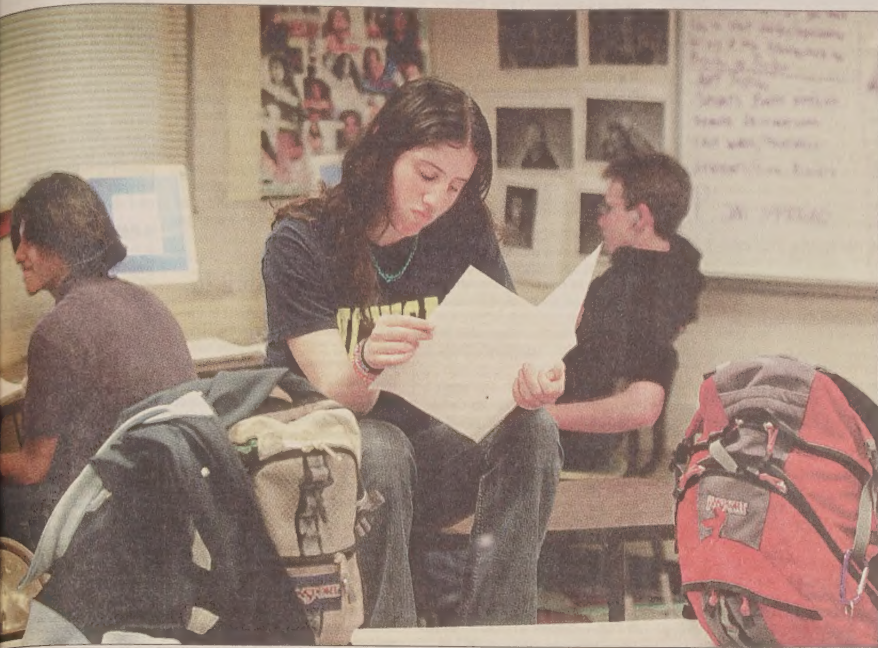
In response, the city planning staff recommended approval of an urgency ordinance to give the city time to prepare zoning regulations for the facilities. The ordinance requires a 4/5 vote to pass. At the meeting, council members and city attorney Robert Zweben debated the legality of such facilities.

In 1996, voters approved Prop. 215, which allowed California residents who were ill to obtain the drug for medical purposes.

Some cities, including Oakland, San Francisco, Campbell,

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REPORTER Becca Pickus reads a teacher's reaction to a story she wrote.

MARK DUFFRENE/STAFF

Student newspaper gains force

■ The Albany High publication takes on serious issues, drawing criticism, praise and a lot more of readers' attention

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Albany High School students Brendan Irvine-Broque and Becca Pickus were working intently to solve a dilemma.

Becca wrote an editorial in the last edition of the student newspaper, The Cougar, saying that advanced placement classes were perhaps not as important as some people made them out to be.

An English teacher was critical of the editorial and responded with a letter to the editor. Brendan, the editor-in-chief of the paper and Becca sought advice from their advisor Ned Purdom.

"Every year at this time there's a holy war over AP," said Purdom, following his exchange with the students, "and it's playing out in the paper."

There are a lot of serious topics playing out in the Albany High School paper these days, including drugs and sex, school overcrowding and the successes and failures of a high school education.

The number of students in the class doubled from last year and there are plans to create a broad-

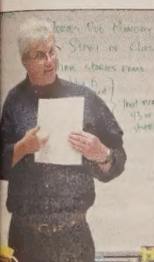
cast component of the journalism program next year.

Students and administrators credit much of the changes and success of the paper to Purdom, a veteran of the public relations industry.

A stocky and youthful 47-year-old with white hair, Purdom ran his father's Silicon Valley-based public relations firm for 10 years.

Following the burst of the dot-com bubble, he earned his teaching credential and began his new career at Albany High School in 2003. He teaches English part of the day and advises the Cougar newspaper staff fifth and sixth periods.

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TEACHER Ned Purdom has seen course enrollment double from last

Mariners ready to strut their stuff

The parade will include historical Tall Ships, yachts, sailboats, tugboats and barges

By Lucinda Ryan
STAFF WRITER

It often happens, this morning priests will blessings, but this week some ministers will do their duty as they hold a blessing for boaters at the Corinthian Club in Tiburon.

That done, some of those boaters will weigh anchor and ride the waves to Francisco to mingle with mariners from throughout Northern California strutting their stuff in the Opening Day parade.

The theme for this year's parade is "Movies by the water," which has inspired 250 boats to pay homage to "Free

Willy," "Jaws," "The Blues Brothers," "Shaft" and other silver-screen memories.

And those 250 skippers are only the entrants who want to sport the theme. The parade will include historical Tall Ships, yachts, dinghies, sailboats, tugboats and barges.

The parade will begin at noon, led by a San Francisco fireboat, and will launch from Anita Rock near Chrissy Field in San Francisco and wind up at Pier 39.

Among the historical parade entries is the Potomac Association's 165-foot vessel, which served as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's waterborne White House.

"Opening Day is everybody cruising and hobnobbing," said association executive director Marti Burchell. "It's a lot of fun. (But) the Potomac doesn't feel like a party boat. You board it with respect; you feel the history."

President Roosevelt preferred

traveling by water rather than air and conducted policy meetings aboard the Potomac.

After FDR's death in 1945, and after many owners — including Elvis Presley — U.S. Customs seized the yacht in 1980 in San Francisco for being a front for drug smugglers. Towed to Treasure Island, and anchored in a particularly rugged shoreline area, the Potomac gurgled into the Bay after its hull was pierced. It was retrieved, but was clearly in critical condition, its ribs exposed through the holes in the hull.

The yacht has since been restored. Cruises and guided historical tours are available on the yacht. For details call 510-627-1215.

Among the opening day sailors will be Pedro Martinez and Dominic Bianco (see photo) who spent part of the week at Alameda Marina getting the Tayana shipshape. Likely they

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SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

A SAILBOAT and Coast Guard vessel cross paths in the Oakland estuary near the Grand Marina in Alameda on Tuesday. Sunday is the official start of sailing season in Northern California.

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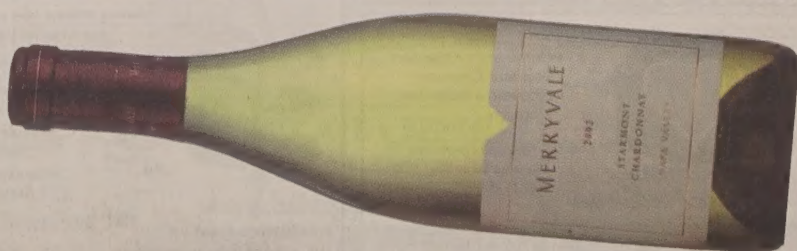
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NEWS BRIEFS

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Stores to donate to schools groups

Albany stores Sweet Potatoes and Five Little Monkeys will donate 10 percent of their weekend sales to Albany schools fund-raising groups SchoolCARE and the Albany Education Foundation this weekend. The stores, which sell children's clothing and toys, are located on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue. For more information, call 510-528-4411.

'Wizard of Oz' set for outdoor film night

"The Wizard of Oz" will be screened on at 7:30 p.m. April 30 at Memorial Park, as part of the city's first outdoor film night.

The event will also feature short films produced by Albany students and residents. There's no charge, but donations for Albany schools will be accepted.

Additional film nights will be scheduled throughout the summer: "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be shown May 22. For more information, go online at www.albanyfilm.bloki.com.

City plans fourth annual spring festival

The Albany Chamber of Commerce invites community groups, musicians and artists to participate in its spring festival, "A Taste of Albany — A Small-Town Walkabout."

The festival is scheduled for 1-7 p.m. June 5 on Solano and San Pablo avenues.

Nonprofit and other community groups can set up booths and/or sponsor activities — including fund-raisers — at the festival at no cost, and, if they choose, to sell tickets to the taste portion of the event, which involves samples from Albany restaurants and promotions by other merchants. Participating organizations will be entitled to 20 percent of all tickets they sell.

For more information call 510-525-1771, or visit www.albany-chamber.org.

Albany High music students make mark

Albany High music students have been making their marks in many ways lately:

The Albany High School jazz band and BAM squad were rated "unanimous superior" and the senior combo "excellent" at the recent Santa Cruz Jazz Festival. In addition, Max Griffith and Tim McKay were awarded \$1,500 scholarships to a Berklee College of Music summer music clinic.

The jazz band also was honored by a first-ever Albany invitation to the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival. Ten of the top California high schools, one from Salt Lake City, and one from Beaverton, Ore., were invited. Tim McKay won an award for outstanding big-band soloist on baritone sax.

Albany High's string orchestra will go to the CMEA festival on April 29 at Lowell High School in San Francisco; the jazz band and Rhythm Bound will perform May 17 at Ashkenaz for a final fundraiser; and advanced chorale, the string orchestra, and the Chamber Music Club will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria" on June 5 in the Little Theater.

Local groups to perform at free event

Local music groups including Potingue, Funky Nixons and Rhythm Bound will perform at A Festival of the Arts to be held from noon to 8 p.m. May 22 in Memorial Park.

Theater, dance and poetry will be represented during this free event and visual artists will display their work. After the event, the film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be screened in the park, from 8:30-10:30 p.m.

For information please call Chelle Putzer at 510-559-7218.

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List of classes through September online

The El Cerrito recreation brochure listing classes through September is available online at www.el-cerrito.org. Online registration is available for most classes. For more information call 510-559-7000.

Playground opening to hold puppet show

The grand opening and dedication of the new Arlington Park playground will be held from 11 a.m. to noon May 7. There will be refreshments and at 11:30 a.m., a puppet show.

For more information, call 510-559-7000.

Democratic Club to meet April 26

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will meet Tuesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. John Gibler, a researcher and policy analyst for the California Office of Public Citizen's water for all project, will speak.

For more information, call 510-527-2194.

Open registration set for soccer club

Open registration day for El Cerrito Soccer Club's fall 2005 season will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at Fairmount Clubhouse, 715 Lexington Ave. Discounts will be given for early registration. Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and a wallet-sized picture to register.

The El Cerrito Soccer Club teaches soccer, sportsmanship and fair play to girls and boys ages 5 to 19.

For more information, visit www.ecsccsoccer.org or call 510-414-1039.

Boy Scout Troop 104 plans spaghetti feed

Boy Scout Troop 104 will hold its annual reunion and spaghetti feed from 6-8 p.m. May 6 at Camp Herms. The all-you-can-eat dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread and beverages. Baked goods also will be offered for sale. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 8.

For information call at 510-527-8598. All funds raised support troop activities.

Castro Elementary to hold clean-up

Castro Elementary School will celebrate Earth Day today from noon to 2:40 p.m. Teachers and students will clear trash, pull weeds, plant flowers and in general make the school more pleasant to look at, organizers say. The community is invited to come and join in. Castro Elementary is at 7125 Donal Ave.

For information call 510-234-6200.

— Alan Lopez, Deborah Byrd

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, April 11

■ **FIGHT** — Officers responded to a report of a fight at Albany Bowl on 500 San Pablo Avenue between two males between the ages of 15 and 20 years of age. The altercation involved chairs and pool sticks. They were gone when officers arrived.

Tuesday, April 12

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a white 1995 Lincoln near Buchanan Avenue and Fillmore Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 22-year-old Richmond man, was arrested for DUI, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED** — At about 2:30 p.m. officers responded to the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue on a report that a subject had just broken into the caller's house. The caller described the thief and reportedly kept him in his sight. Officers arrested a 17-year-old boy for burglary and took him to Juvenile Hall.

■ **BACKPACK STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a backpack from an unlocked 1995 Toyota parked in the 1600 block of Sonoma Avenue.

■ **VEHICLES LOCATED** — Officers responded to the 900 block of Polk Street on reports of a suspicious vehicle parked for a few days. A check found that the green 1994 Plymouth had been stolen. Officers also located a black 1988 Honda and a black 1999 Isuzu in the 500 block of Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the day someone stole a brown 1991 Toyota SW parked in the 1200 block of Garfield Street.

■ **BACKPACK STOLEN** — A resident in the 1600 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that during the night someone stole a backpack from the trunk of an unlocked silver 1995 Toyota Corolla.

Wednesday, April 13

■ **TOYOTA RECOVERED** — A resident in the 700 block of Johnson Street called to report a silver Toyota Tacoma parked in her driveway. A check found that it had been reported as stolen.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — At about 3 p.m. officers contacted a 24-year-old Albany woman in the 700 block of Buchanan Street who was known to have outstanding warrants. A check found two no bail warrants out of Contra Costa County for work release program violations and one no-bail warrant out of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for petty theft. She was arrested and taken to the Berkeley Jail.

■ **HOMER BURGLARY** — A resident in the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported that she had been gone for a few days and returned to find her home had been burglarized. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, April 14

■ **KEYS, VEHICLE STOLEN** — At about 10 a.m. a woman reported that someone had stolen keys from her purse while she was at the Albany Pool in the 1300 block of Portland Avenue. When she went outside she discovered that her white 1999 Toyota Rav4 had also been stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At about 3 p.m. someone described as a white male adult wearing a blue jacket and hood entered a pharmacy in the 1300 block of Solano Avenue, pulled a black semi-automatic pistol from his waist band and demanded pills. The thief fled after being given the pills. The incident was captured on surveillance cameras and officers are investigating.

Friday, April 15

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 40-year-old Albany man driving a 1997 Nis-

san pickup in the 1000 block of Kains Avenue for DUI. He was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **DAYPACK STOLEN** — A Berkeley woman reported that someone had stolen a daypack out of an unlocked white 2005 Dodge Neon parked in the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **ASSAULT** — An Albany man reported that his 13-year-old son had been assaulted by another boy while walking from Albany High School along the BART path after school. Officers took the report.

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a gold 1995 Oldsmobile near Gilman Street and Interstate 80 for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 25-year-old Richmond man was arrested for DUI, driving with a suspended license and giving false identity. He was also found to have outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license and was charged accordingly. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident in the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported having identification and photos of vandals. Officers are investigating.

Saturday, April 16

■ **VANDALISM** — A resident in the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that during the night someone had put graffiti on the front window of her residence. There were no witnesses.

■ **VANDALISM** — A woman reported that she had found footprints on the hood of her teal colored 1990 Honda Accord and the sunroof was broken while the vehicle was parked in the garage area of 535 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

Sunday, April 17

■ **DUI** — At about 3:30 a.m. officers stopped a black 2001 Dodge near San Pablo and Fairmount avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 26-year-old Richmond man, was arrested for

DUI, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ **CAR STOLEN, RECOVERED** — An Albany man reported that his 1993 Isuzu had been stolen from his lot of Golden Gate Fields. He reported the theft but did not locate the car near the turnaround and park area near the north parking lot. It was stuck on an island. Officers investigated and arrested a 34-year-old Concord man for an outstanding Oakland warrant for grand theft. He was cited and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **GAME THIEF** — At about 11 p.m. security at the Target Store in the 1000 block of Eastshore reported a white male juvenile described as wearing a black shirt, blue jeans, a green Army cap, had just won two video games and fled the store. He was last seen crossing the road tracks on a bike with two juveniles. One of the youths appeared to have a weapon, possibly a BB gun. They were gone when officers arrived.

■ **BABY FOOD THIEF** — At about 1 p.m. a woman was observed putting baby formula into a backpack. A Safeway Store in the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. She fled the store and was last seen driving east on Solano Avenue in a brown Cam-

Weekly summaries

During the week of April 11 through April 17, officers responded to seven false alarms, attended to lost or deceased animals, assisted two people who were out of their cars. In the domestic arena officers responded to 11 disturbances and 142 civil complaints. Officers issued 26 citations and 45 warrants. Albany firefighters/paramedics responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Friday, April 8

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1989 Honda Accord was taken from the 2300 block of Carquinez Avenue between April 8 and April 14.

Tuesday, April 12

■ **GREENWAY ROBBERY** — A man punched a woman in the head several times while unsuccessfully attempting to grab her purse on the Ohlone Greenway between Knott Avenue and Cutting Boulevard at 10:15 p.m.

■ **HOMER BURGLARY** — Electronic items were taken from a home on the 2000 block of Key Boulevard between 12:30 and 4 p.m. The home was also ransacked.

■ **STORAGE SHED BREAK-IN** — Property was taken from a locked storage shed on the 1000 block of Liberty Street between 9 p.m. on April 12 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Several electronic items were taken from a vehicle at El Cerrito Plaza between 10 and 11 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1993 Geo on the 1000 block of Liberty Street was ransacked between 9 p.m. on April 12 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

Wednesday, April 13

■ **SHOPLIFTING ARREST** — A 22-year-old Richmond man was arrested at 3:30 p.m. on suspicion of shoplifting at Target. The man had previous convictions for theft and an outstanding felony warrant, police said.

■ **STOLEN VEHICLE ARREST** — Police arrested a 19-year-old Richmond man at 7:40 p.m. on suspicion of possessing a stolen 2002 Dodge Neon at Elm Street and Potrero Avenue. A passenger fled and was not

located. The vehicle was reported stolen in Richmond on April 9.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1992 Honda Accord was taken from the 6800 block of Cutting Boulevard between 8:30 p.m. on April 13 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Thursday, April 14

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A suitcase was taken from a Dodge Caravan on the 6000 block of Potrero Avenue between 9:30 p.m. on April 14 and 7:50 a.m. the next day.

Friday, April 15

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 2002 Nissan Xterra, reported carjacked in Martinez two hours earlier, was recovered at El Cerrito Plaza at 11:20 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity was taken from Kearney Street at Knott Avenue between 1:50 and 11:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 2000 Honda Accord was taken from Yosemite Avenue at Avila Street between 2 a.m. and 1 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — It was reported to police that three teenage boys stole a Nissan Altima at 10:30 p.m. from the parking lot of Hollywood Video at 11511 San Pablo Ave. The keys to the vehicle were taken from a counter inside the store.

Sunday, April 17

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1997 Nissan Altima was taken from the 2500 block of Tamalpais Avenue between 1 and 2 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1991

Dodge Van was taken from the 1100 block of Ivy Court between 10 p.m. on April 17 and 9 a.m. the next day.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A 59-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of possessing crack cocaine and crack pipes, following a traffic stop at 1:15 a.m. at Knott Avenue and Key Boulevard.

Monday, April 18

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — An

Acura Legend reported stolen in Richmond police on April 8 and covered at Morris Avenue and Boulevard.

■ **HOMER BURGLARY** — A home on the 6400 block of Hagen Boulevard was robbed between 8 and 9 p.m. A rear window was smashed for entry.

■ **HOMER BURGLARY** — A home on the 5900 block of Avila Street between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Group slated to launch local recycling project

Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock and Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson are expected to help launch the Green Albany Project at a press conference today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the city's community center.

The project marks the first time a chamber of commerce and city have collaborated to help a small business district increase its recycling while decreasing pollution and the use of resources, said James Carson, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Also scheduled to attend the press conference will be representatives from the City of Albany, StopWaste.org, the Alameda County Green Business and the East Bay Municipal Utility District and more.

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Greenwood Players started with 2 friends

ONE DAY in 1992, Jane Stenmark of Richmond took her 3-year-old daughter, Rachel Erickson, to her first day at El Cerrito Preschool.

Rachel toddled over to the play box, sat down next to another little girl, Danielle Barnes, and started playing with her. They've been best friends ever since.

Nine years later, Rachel's parents took her on a drive to San Francisco. On the way, they played a game of "I Spy." One of the words was "Tales From Shakespeare." Rachel was enchanted by the stories, and as soon as she got home she turned on the television. She was watching a play, and she was acting in local theatrical productions, under the direction of adults.

That one night, when Rachel was having a sleepover at her house, we started talking about how annoying parents are, how disorganized they are, and how we could do better. "By the end of the sleepover, we'd decided to produce 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on our own."

Thus was born the Greenwood Players, a youth-run company whose members range in age from 4 to 18. (The name comes from a song in "Twelfth Night," "Under the Greenwood Tree," who loves to lie with me and turn his merry thought to the sweet bird's nest.")

The dress rehearsal was a disaster. People still didn't know the lines, and the boy who was playing Lysander didn't show up at all. So Danielle, who was directing, stepped into the role at the last minute.

"I knew the lines because Rachel and I understudy all the parts," she said. "And I knew the ending because I made it up."

On the night of the rehearsal was a disaster, the performance was a smashing success.

"Our hearts were swollen with amazement and pride," said Rachel's mom, Mary Hein. "We were fabulous, and all the kids had a great time."

The next year, the play was "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Rachel's little sister, Alice, stole the show as Falstaff — all 4-foot-9-inches of her.

"She likes playing comic roles," said Rachel. "She played from the year before. We put on a bushy beard on her and added her up, and she was ready."

For the first two years they



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

staged the plays in a private studio in Berkeley. But by 2004 the productions had become so popular, they had to move to a larger venue — St. Alban's Church in Albany. The play was "As You Like It."

"We decided to mix up the time periods," said Danielle. "We put Don John and his evil gang in denim jeans and jackets, with baseball caps turned backwards. The rest of the cast was in traditional medieval costumes."

This year, they're presenting "Twelfth Night." Once again, they've outgrown their old venue. The production will be at Arlington Community Church in Kensington.

The kids make all their own costumes, usually from old Halloween costumes and other stuff they find around the house.

The words, of course, are by Shakespeare — as adapted by Danielle and Rachel.

"When we first started, we had to scramble to find enough kids to play all the parts," said Rachel. "Now we have the opposite problem. There are only 14 speaking parts in 'Twelfth Night,' but we have 25 people in the cast. So we split some minor characters into several parts to give everyone at least one line."

"Our main goal is to include everyone and, above all, to have fun," said Danielle.

"Twelfth Night" will have two performances at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington, next Saturday, April 30 — at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is free, but they'll pass the hat for donations to pay for renting the hall and insurance.

"When the girls first announced they wanted to do this, Mary and I thought, 'Well, let's let them try this, and they'll see how hard it is and move on to something else,'" said Stenmark. "But they've done an incredible job over the years, not only with the plays but crafting a theater company and creating a community for kids."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or email msnapp@cc-times.com.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

ANNY is a 10-month-old male Australian shepherd mix. The people at the Humane Society say he's a "happy-go-lucky little fellow weighing just under 30 pounds, who 'loves people, loves dogs, loves food and absolutely loves other dogs.' He could be a second dog and could go home with children as young as 8, if you add. He may be available for adoption.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Male Labrador retriever, 5 years; female hound mix, 3 years; male dachshund-Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; male golden retriever, 1½ years; male dachshund, 1 year; male Bull Terrier mix, 10 months; Australian shepherd, 10 months; terrier mix, 10 months.

Cats: Female domestic short-haired black and white, 8 years; female long-haired black and white, 8 years; female long-haired black, 8 years; female Maine coon/long-haired mix, black and white, 5 years; female domestic short-haired tortoiseshell, 5 years; female domestic short-haired dilute tortoiseshell, 5 years; female domestic short-haired calico, 4 years; female Scottish fold domestic short-haired mix, 3 years; female Havana Brown mix brown, 3 years;

ragdoll mix, chocolate point, 3 years; male long-haired white, 3 years; male domestic shorthair orange tabby, 2 years; male domestic shorthair brown tabby, 2 years; domestic shorthair brown tabby, 1 year; female domestic shorthair dilute tortoiseshell, 1 year; female domestic shorthair black tabby, 1 year; male domestic shorthair black, 1 year.

Rabbits: Female English Spot, black and white, 3 years; female Chinchilla mix, brown agouti, 2 years.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

Marin school principal honored

By Robert Menzimer
CORRESPONDENT

They knew Albany was there. The local contingent represented the smallest entity but sent the most people to the proceedings. By a wide margin, they created the loudest commotion, pulling on hats emblazoned with cheer-leading messages and clacking noisemakers like it was New Year's Eve.

The date was Friday, April 8, the place was the Marriott Hotel and Spa in Napa, the occasion was the awards and recognitions dinner during the spring conference of Region VI of the Association of California School Administrators.

And the administrator in the eye of the hubbub was Marian Rothschild, principal of Marin School in Albany, who was named Elementary Principal of the Year.

How did she feel up there at the podium? "Honored and awed," she says. "But it's an award given to all of us at Marin. It's about a team. The whole is even greater than the sum of the wonderful parts."

Rothschild came to Marin School in 1988. Before that, she had been an elementary school teacher, a special-ed teacher, a resource specialist, a vice principal and summer-school principal.

She picked up her bachelor's degree at UC Davis, her master's at San Francisco State, and her administrative services credential at UC Berkeley.

All of that expertise clarifies her priorities. "It's all about doing what's best for the kids," she says. She focuses on the children, but the kids, their families, and her staff all look to her as the unquestioned leader of the pack at Marin, although you'll never get her to acknowledge it. A spelling teacher to the end, she points

Neighbors



KEN FUJITA

MARIAN ROTHSCILD and her staff celebrate her being named Elementary Principal of the Year. From left: resource specialist Robin Blum, teacher Juanita Rynerson, office secretary Ellen Benson, Principal Marian Rothschild and teachers Sonia Zulpo, Stephen Naiff. Below, Rothschild proudly displays her award.

out, "You know, Marian is only one letter away from Marin."

According to the ACSA, the winning nominee must promote the success of all students by (take a deep breath) "facilitating a vision of learning shared and supported by the school community; sustaining a school culture conducive to student learning and staff development; ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment; collaborating with families and community members; responding to (a) diverse community and mobilizing community resources; modeling personal ethics and developing leadership capacity; and understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger context."

To that mouthful, just about any parent who's ever walked a child through a classroom doorway at Marin School would say, "Yep, that's Ms. R."

Marin teachers and staff feel pretty much the same, which is why they joined Cornell School

principal Robert Kelly-Thomas and others in nominating her for the award. She's known as a "teacher's principal." She finds the good instructors and reels them in, and they seldom want to leave.

Staff retention at Marin is no mystery. By all accounts, Rothschild promotes a collegial atmosphere and builds to her staff's strengths. She makes ethics and integrity high priorities. She knows every student's name and doesn't forget them after graduation. At her school, for her staff and her kids and her kids' families, Ms. R will do what's necessary and everyone knows it.

So if you think you'd get a kick out of seeing a school principal mopping a cafeteria floor or cleaning a restroom, the campus is at the corner of Marin and Santa Fe — go on over. But be careful. You may find yourself with a mop in your hand, a bucket at your feet, and a smile on your face. And you'll be wondering how in the world it happened.



Bob Menzimer writes Albany School Notes and the column Life Is a Movie. Reach him at megabob@pacbell.net

FACES & PLACES

'Box Wood & Shade' pressing

El Cerrito poet Annie Stenzel is part of Thicket Press, which will celebrate the release of its second handmade, letterpress printed poetry chapbook, "Box Wood & Shade" at 7 p.m., April 22, at San Francisco Center for the Book, 300 De Haro St., San Francisco (information: 415-565-0545).

Stenzel's poetry and prose have earned several awards and have been published in assorted journals and three anthologies.

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Cornell Elementary School's Silly Olympics needs volunteers to work in shifts of an hour or two to help set up and clean up and, in between, collect money at the gate and sell snacks.

The Silly Olympics run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4. Meanwhile the T-shirt design contest runs through Monday. For more information, contact Karen Keeble at 415-865-7212 or danielmom@sbcglobal.net.

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The 2005 State Mathcounts Competition was held on March 12. Albany Middle School's Elise Cai placed 28th in Northern California, in the top 25 percent of individual competitors.

The AMS team — Elise Cai, George Shan, Jonathan Shi, and Kristy Yang — placed eighth in Northern California out of the 24 regional winners.

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And Albany Middle School placed 17th in the state.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd

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Here, courtesy of the El Cerrito High School Archiving Project, is the most coveted of ECHS yearbook photos: John Fogerty's portrait from the graduating class of 1963.

Fogerty has been in and out of the news since 1968, when Creedence Clearwater Revival, the band he co-founded with his late brother Tom, first hit the charts.

John Fogerty hit the headlines again most recently when it was revealed that one of his songs, the solo effort "Centerfield," was one of the tunes that President Bush has on the iPod his daughters gave him as a birthday present last July.

While the song might be an appropriate choice, considering it was played at Texas Rangers games during the time the president-to-be owned the team, it should be noted that Fogerty campaigned against Bush in last year's election.

Incidentally, the archiving project reports that a copy of the original yearbook recently fetched more than \$350 on e-Bay.

— Chris Treadway



CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

JOHN FOGERTY as he appeared in the 1963 El Cerrito High School yearbook.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Reasonable fees are a reasonable concept

THE EL CERRITO City Council is set to consider at its first meeting in May increasing fees for some services or putting in place new fees, on the advice of a consulting firm.

Before we start shaking our heads over the rising costs of everything, let's consider that sometimes increases are warranted.

Some of the revelations of the consultant's report were eye-opening.

Apparently El Cerrito spends \$104,000 every year to process business licenses and parking permits, and gets back just \$3,000 in fees. It charges no fees at the moment to process business licenses and or business license renewals.

The recreation program brings in \$1.5 million in fees — but costs a bit more than \$3 million to run.

Clearly a private company that consistently charged less for goods or services than it takes to produce them would go out of business in a hurry.

But a city isn't a private company. As an entity formed to serve the public, its priorities are a bit different, and the rules for preserving its fiscal health are somewhat — though not completely — different.

That's why we agree with the resident who commented that when it comes to recouping its costs through fee increases, the major focus should be on services that mainly benefit individuals or individual firms, such as planning permits and business fees.

And we agree that if there are subsidies, they should go into areas that improve the quality of life for the community as a whole.

Certainly a robust business community improves the quality of life. Even with complaints about traffic patterns, the reborn El Cerrito Plaza has been good for the city.

We also think that business owners with the best interests of their community at heart — and face it, most realistic business owners want to locate in a healthy, vibrant city — will be willing to pay a fair price for the city services they use.

A successful business owner is clear-eyed about the cost of doing business and, while he or she couldn't be expected to pay fees beyond reason, a good business owner recognizes the need for a city, too, to keep its eye on the bottom line. Reasonable fees are reasonably figured into the cost of doing business.

In somewhat the same way, someone buying or renovating a home knows there will be costs involved. Most reasonable homeowners and renovators, too, do not object to reasonable fees for permits.

Public safety and recreational services, on the other hand, benefit the community as a whole, and they do so directly. They often benefit those least able to pay extra for anything. If a senior citizen can't afford a higher fee for a class, he or she may not take their business elsewhere. They may just sit at home. The same goes for a parent who takes his or her child to a recreation program; young parents are counting pennies, too.

When a community offers things for children to do after school or in the evening, and services for seniors to keep them safe and active, there's a public good there that has benefits in ways that often can't be measured.

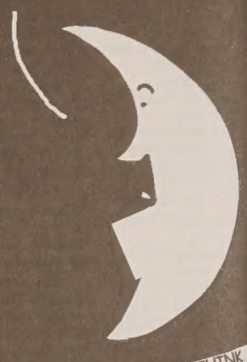
We like the direction discourse is going on this topic, and hope to see the city act on it when the time comes for a decision.

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EARTH DAY IS TODAY

It feels like I'm getting a good scrubbing from the middle of California.

You're so lucky to have someone.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Less social engineering

Glenn Price, in his April 8 letter, presented the best possible case for supporting the Parent Notification Initiative — the opposite of his intention.

California schools, in general, and the West Contra Costa school district, in particular, are out of control and failing miserably. Our state is ranked 42nd educationally in the United States.

With more than adequate funding, our literacy levels, graduation rates and low test scores are evidence of a failed state government school system. In addition, just as with the state Legislature, West Contra Costa school district and other school districts are wholly owned subsidiaries of the unions.

Consequently, this leads local school board members to be more concerned about parental responsibilities than about what must be done for quality education in their school system.

How about replacing indoctrination with education for the children? Why is Price so concerned about parents being informed about their children by the school system? Perhaps more concern with education and less about social engineering is in order.

I would really like to be proved wrong, if anyone can produce tangible evidence to support it.

Gary Buffon
El Cerrito

Destructive illusion

Casinos are much in the news these days. Whose casinos? The Indians, they say. But who is managing them?

There was a very favorable letter recently from a city that's collecting some funds as a cut for permission for the Indians to operate their casino. That's understandable, from the short-range view of a financially struggling city. In fact, most cities seem always to be short of funds and this carrot of a split of the proceeds seems irresistible.

However, it's only an illusion. Gambling is destructive. The influx of vice, crime and of persons and families who can't resist the desire to "get rich quick" but who, in fact, become penniless through gambling, are tragedies. Those and many other well-documented evils associated with gambling prove that, in the long run, cities are victims, not winners.

"Give us casinos, and get us off welfare" is the sickest slogan I've ever heard. But it won't win the day. Doesn't say much for the electorate. Why can't they get off their duff and earn a living like the rest of us?

Robert H. French
El Cerrito

Not praiseworthy

Pope John Paul II, who chose to live and die on TV, and the 200 world leaders who appeared for the final show, deserve more criticism than praise.

The pope was correct in seeing abortion as the murder of a living organism and to condemn the loose, pleasure-oriented sexual behavior of our time as aberrant. But much suffering was caused by

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Supports park plan

I, like Howard McNenny in his letter (Journal, April 8), am very concerned about sensitive wetlands at Albany's shoreline.

I call on the Albany Waterfront Coalition to join me in supporting the restoration of that habitat.

McNenny incorrectly states that I have prematurely supported a development plan. I support a park plan. I remain open to all ideas on maintaining our current level of income for the city of Albany.

Unfortunately, the wetlands are gone. Golden Gate Fields property sits on what was once a rich and diverse ecosystem. Our five creeks fed that ecosystem but now they drain into a culvert that runs north and south along Interstate 80 and into the Bay. As long as the race track stays, we will have no wetlands.

If we support development with the race track still operating, we will have no shoreline park.

I support the development of Albany's shoreline park. It will be the jewel that brings together over eight miles of continuous shoreline habitat and parks. Albany will be a shoreline community again. We will have access to one of the most beautiful and rich parks in our nation.

The decisions we make now will affect generations.

Robert Lieber
Albany

Lieber is an Albany councilman.

Pit bulls mischaracterized

As someone who has worked with many pit bulls, I can say that demonizing the entire breed for the deeds of a few brutalized individuals stinks of the worst kind of ignorance and breedism.

Pit bulls are not naturally aggressive. They were bred so that even in the height of a dog fight, their handlers could safely grab them and withdraw them from the

fight without that aggression being redirected. In fact, the American Temperament Testing Association rated the level of aggressiveness for pit bulls as being among the lowest of any breed.

Among the breeds well known and loved as family dogs, that were rated as more aggressive than pit bulls on this test, were beagles and golden retrievers.

Upwards of 60 percent of the population of local shelters is composed of pit bulls. Because of these unfair stereotypes, some shelters euthanize any pit bull who is not adopted within 24 hours. Countless innocent and loving pets have been unjustly killed, victims to ignorance and breed prejudice.

To forbid all sexual intercourse between men and women when they have no intention to create offspring, was, in our instant-gratification culture, too steep a hill to climb. The defective and unwanted children resulting from this dogmatic inflexibility are a sad burden on our community.

The pope engaged in revisionism when he pushed the historic support of Naz Germany from the Catholic Church and the historic hostility between Christianity and Judaism under the rug. By doing that, he put the church in the political arena on the side of America and Israel in their conflict with the Muslims.

New American language usage, also surreptitiously rewriting history, today calling Western civilization a "Judeo-Christian civilization," instead of what it is correctly: a "Greco-Christian civilization."

Let us be very clear about this. There never was a Judeo-Christian civilization. Jews, who have not converted to Christianity, are not Christians.

The 200 world leaders at the funeral are all hypocrites and Philistines, most keys dancing on the stage of the circus of the century. They had no business being there.

Are they not all leaders of secular states founded on the separation of (a rational) state and (an irrational) church, commercial cultures where the material body lives separately from the spiritual soul?

May he rest in peace now. He was a simple man of faith, unenlightened and unprepared for the role that fate bestowed on him.

Jan H. Visser
Kensington

Deer-proof recipe

A clipping of a letter to the editor by George and Sheri Clyde from a 1980 Journal has held the place of honor on the refrigerator in my rose-loving home since then!

The following recipe from the Clydes works and I write to bring it to your current readership's attention.

Stir one egg into 1 cup of whole milk and add the mixture to a gallon milk jug half filled with water. Shake vigorously fill the rest of the jug with water, and shake again. Leave the mixture outside in the sun for at least one to three days shaking periodically.

Shake well and spray the mixture on your roses and plants and the deer will be gone. The Clydes suggest making a new batch and reapplying every month or so, more frequently during the rainy season if there are signs of munching.

Marianne F. Smith
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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Sweet thanks

THE ANNUAL Albany Education Foundation ice cream social was held at the Albany Community Center Sunday to thank the community for participating in fundraising efforts to support the schools. Natalie Kreter-Killian, 4, enjoys a bowl of vanilla ice cream.

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

Tickets are on sale for \$80 outside the school window during lunch. The National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) and local affiliates host college fairs across the country. The one in San Francisco will be held on April 25, 3-7 p.m. Information is available at <http://www.nacac.org/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=05SSAF>.

Albany Middle School

An eighth-grade promotion ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at the Albany High School.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held the week of April 25-29. Classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. and dismissal will be at 2:10 p.m. during that week. Number of new students enrolled at AMS in the past few weeks are English Language Learners. Volunteers are needed for Beginning ESL small-group support. Anyone interested should contact Audrey Hazen, Beginning ESL teacher, at 510-558-3600, ext. 5104.

Parents go to the following parents for upcoming Teacher Treats for April: Toni Bernier, Bob Menzinger, Liz Kishle, Mary Kwan, Virginia McKone, Sheila Erickson, Ida Abelson, Varda Kwan, Debra Dove Masterson, Karen Kiger, Rose Hsu, Janet Yeghissian, Monira Dalton, Maggie Back, Kathy Musaki, Michele Gaunt, Roberta D'Amico, Sue and Mark Burger. Someone always sneaks treats in at the last minute, so thanks to them and to anyone left off the list by mistake. The teachers and staff were delighted to see so nicely treated.

Agenda for the May 5 PTA meeting includes a discussion of the district budget by members of the school board.

12: School dance 8-10 p.m., gym
12-25: Parent teacher conferences. Dismissal at 2:10 p.m. April 26: STAR testing
12: Open house 7-8 p.m.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

Cerrito High School

Transitional Housing project is moving along. Taber Construction has been working since Feb. 22. The "100" classrooms have been demolished, the rough grading has been completed, the underground utilities materials are on site and being installed. Mobile Modular has begun installing modular classrooms, and will continue to do so throughout April and May. The paving will be done at the beginning of May, depending on the weather. The temporary campus will be ready before June.

Class of 2007 is selling Krispy Kreme Cards for \$10. The card allows you to buy a dozen donuts and receive an additional dozen donuts free (maximum of 120 donuts). Cards are sold at any Krispy Kreme retail store and last until the end of the year. Half of the cards' sales go to the sophomore class to help fund class activities, such as rallies and our upcoming prom. To purchase a card or learn more, e-mail Brian Mertens at bmermens07@hotmail.com.

Friday, April 29, La Pena Community Concert will be held in the ECHS Little Theater starting at 8 p.m. The concert features folkloric songs from Mexican, American gospel and folk songs accompanied by the high school's accomplished musicians and directed by locally acclaimed performer Lichi Martinez. Tickets are available now, \$10-\$20 sliding scale, and will help fund Grad Nite for the seniors. For more information call 510-236-3003. School logo wear are still for sale: box-

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Cornell Elementary School

The PTA is sponsoring the first Greenathon from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. Students and their families and friends are welcome to stop by and paint a ceramic nature tile that will be fired and installed on the school grounds. Proceeds will go to the planting of new trees on the school grounds.

Thanks to parents for Spellathon support, for helping the students practice and for collecting the pledges. Notification of the total amount collected is forthcoming.

Empty inkjet and laser cartridges dropped off in Ziplock bags at the office generate money for the school for new classroom printer cartridges, and help the environment.

April 25-May 13: STAR testing
May 12: PTA meeting, budget teach-in
May 26: Open house, 7-8 p.m., Science Fair, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Multi-purpose Room
June 4: Silly Olympics and Silent Auction
June 9: Volunteer recognition

Marin Elementary School

The PTA is sponsoring a Kidpower parent/child workshop on Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Multi-purpose Room. The program includes setting appropriate boundaries, keeping safety zones with strangers, dealing with bullies, and getting away from trouble before it starts. Sliding-scale cost is \$5-10, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Information is available from Debra Bernhardt at 510-558-3348 or from Kidpower at 510-881-2262.

Kyle Stapleton-Gray's grandparents, Tam and Larry Gray, have again generously donated Giants tickets for Marin PTA fundraising. The ticket pairs are for the Dodgers series on May 24, 25, and 26, seating at VR 319, Row 4, seats 3 and 4. Tickets are \$25 each, held in the office on a first-come, first-served basis.

All Marin families and friends are invited to the first annual Marin de Mayo dinner, catered by Picante, on the Marin campus on Saturday, May 14 from 4 p.m. to dusk. The program includes food, entertainment, crafts, raffles, and more. Information about volunteering to help is available from Kym at 510-526-4829.

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April 25-May 20: STAR testing, grades 2-5

April 28: Fifth grade parent night at AMS, 6 p.m.

May 18: PTA meeting, 8:30-10:30 a.m., childcare by reservation at 510-559-6520

May 26: Open House and Science Investigations Fair, 7-8 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary School

Paper scrip is available on order at the office or by calling or emailing Laurie Amaro at 510-525-0476 and albany94@yahoo.com.

AUSD

The Board of Education will appoint a member to the city's Social and Economic Justice Commission. The term of the appointment is four years.

The purpose of the commission is to advise the Albany City Council on a broad range of issues on social and environmental issues impacting the welfare of residents as inhabitants of a local and a global community. The Board of Education intends to review the applicants and make an appointment at its May 10 meeting. Anyone wishing to be considered for the position should contact the school district office at 510-558-3750.

April 26: School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell School

May 4: SchoolCARE Board meeting, 7 p.m., Room 312, Albany High School

May 11: Budget Advisory Committee meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Ocean View library

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to help assemble and copy the event program, and on the night of the performance. Contact: Beth@music4families.com

The Harding Olympics will be on June 3. Put the date on your calendar. More information to come.

— Source: El Cerrito schools e-tree

Portola Middle School

The Portola Music Department is exploring the idea of bringing back orchestra. But enough students need to sign up to make the minimum number for a class. We would like to get an idea of how many students would be interested in this possibility. Interested parents can e-mail houserini@sbcglobal.net.

Harding Elementary

Variety show tryouts take place today, in preparation for the annual Harding Elementary School Variety Show on Friday, May 6, at 7:30 in the El Cerrito High School Little Theater. Student performers should begin rehearsing at home and come prepared with their best effort at tryouts today from 2:45-4 p.m. in room 6. Snacks will be provided and signed permission slips are due in the school office on today. There will be another rehearsal on Friday, April 29 at 2:45 in room 6 and a final dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 5 at the ECHS Little Theatre. Parent volunteers are needed to provide snacks for the tryouts and rehearsal.

Puppetry and theater are at home in children's library

Quote of the Week:

"The Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California (ACL) was founded in the 1930s by a group of school and public librarians in service to youth. Members have been meeting regularly for almost seven decades..."

— From "Bay Views" flier, put out by Association of Children's Librarians



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

RECENTLY ATTENDED the annual institute of the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California, which is an opportunity for children's librarians of all kinds to learn something, be entertained, eat together and win prizes.

This year's program was called "Set the Stage for Reading! Theatre and Puppetry in the Library." Included were: a vocal and physical warm-up; how to make a puppet using a sheet of paper and five folds; how to use a hand puppet; a short performance by the Oakland Public Theater; and a demonstration of readers' theater.

The warm-ups, which were done by Janet Keller from Call-back Communications, were painless — by that, I mean I was able to participate without feeling uncomfortable with the process. I even survived the part when we were told to choose a partner.

The instant puppet-making was wonderful. Using various colors of construction paper, we were each guided — by Pamela Brown — to make our five folds and produce a basic hand puppet. She then showed

us several variations on the basic puppet, making simple characters by adding items like tongues, feathers, and ears. It was easy to imagine a group of children creating their own versions of a frog, lamb, dragon or many other animals.

Willy Clafin, an award-winning storyteller, singer, teacher and writer, gave the presentation on using hand puppets. Willy talked about how he came to appreciate the power of a hand puppet, when he discovered it helped an extremely shy young girl communicate with him.

Maynard Moose, his most well known puppet, told us a story called "So What and Drop Dead" — a very funny retelling of a familiar fairy tale. Willy also introduced us to Gorf, a large bullfrog puppet, who — because he was born without a tongue — has to use a flyswatter to get his flies. If you ever have a chance to see Willy Clafin, I would definitely recommend going. His singing and storytelling are done in a comfortable and entertaining way that doesn't seem rote, and his sense of humor is subtle and thoughtful. He also gave us some great tips on using a puppet, including: "to develop a puppet character, you have to believe it's your equal."

Possibly the funniest part of his presentation was at the end when he took a sock that had one eye sewed onto it and told a story we all knew — but told it in a space alien language. It was amazing to slowly realize what story it was and that I could follow along, even without understanding what he was saying.

The Oakland Public Theater performed a chapter from "Wind in the Willows" using five actors, multiple costume changes, a simple but clever set and some great acting. Every word in the chapter was used, with the various lines distributed carefully among the actors.

Gracie Woodard, from Oakland Public Library, gave a demonstration of readers' theater. This low-key type of theater uses narrators and characters to read aloud a book or play. Because no memorization is involved, it can be an entertaining and impromptu way of engaging children in acting.

The culmination of the workshop was a raffle for some lovely puppets, including a splendid iridescent orange dragon. As each winning ticket was drawn, many of the more than 150 children's librarians held up their various puppets and produced the appropriate sounds — meowing, oinking, clucking, and barking. There was even a skunk-on-a-stick bobbing up and down.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acl-lib.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Albany Library will screen the film "Aging in America: The Years Ahead" at 1:30 p.m. May 5. A one-hour look at what it means to grow older in America, explores the unprecedented highs and the prolonged lows of growing old in America. From burlesque dancers in their seventies to geriatric prison wards, this film takes us to the extreme ends of longevity while asking, "What is a good old age?"

The film and its companion book are the result of seven years of fieldwork by the internationally acclaimed team of writer Julie Winokur and photographer Ed Kashi. They traveled across the country, collecting scores of personal histories that when taken collectively challenge the culture of aging in America.

The Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library, is at 1247 Marin Ave. For information on its services and programs, call 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Children 3 and up and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library on at 11 a.m. May 7 for a special program of Mother's Day stories and crafts. After listening to some stories about mothers, children will make some flowers to give to their mothers (or to other special people in their lives) for Mother's Day. For details call 510-526-7512.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the

fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the check-out desk. Next up: "In the Time of the Butterflies," by Julia Alvarez (April 26).

The El Cerrito Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 510-526-7512.

Round up the young'uns and bring 'em down to the library to

meet Lariat Larry (aka Larry Klunger), who will tell true tales, tall tales and legends of the Wild West, at 6:30 p.m. May 17 at the Kensington Library. Larry also does rope tricks — and just might cut an audience member out of the herd to try spinning a lasso.

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library, is at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

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Children

■ **Los Amiguitos de La Pena**, the Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents: Betsy Rose performs songs honoring Earth Day April 23. — Orange Sherbet, Jill Pierce & Tamsen Fynn perform songs about dinosaurs and dump trucks April 30. — Rosie & the Railroaders performs old-time interactive train songs May 7. — Colibri presents interactive musical journeys through Latin America May 14. Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children; unless otherwise noted. Details: 510-849-2588 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Ashkenaz** presents Caribbean musical storyteller **Asheba** 3 p.m. April 24 at 1317 San Pablo Ave. Admission: \$4 children, \$6 adults. Details: www.asheba.net.

■ **First Stage Children's Theater** presents "The Case of the Ancient Artifacts" 7:30 p.m. April 24 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Tickets: \$5. Details: www.juliamor-gan.org.

■ **Kathryn Roszak's popular Children's Dance Program** at Ashkenaz starts at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays through April 27 at 1317 San Pablo Ave. Creative Movement class for ages 3 to 5 is at 3:30-4:15 p.m., Beginning Ballet for six-to-eight year olds is at 4:30-5:30 p.m. Ms. Roszak, a Berkeley native, danced with San Francisco Opera Ballet and specializes in teaching dance, creativity and fun to kids. Details: 510-233-5550.

■ **Target Corporation** presents a **Play Date** at 12-5 p.m. on May 1 for parents to enjoy a discounted matinee at **Berkeley Repertory's** Roca Theatre, 2015 Addison St., while their kids enjoy five hours of supervised activities at Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way. Event includes 2 p.m. matinee of "Peoples Temple". Fee: \$20 per child to

YMCA, and a discounted ticket rate to Berkeley Rep of \$25. Less than cost of a babysitter, plus 45 percent off regular ticket price. Details: 510-647-2949 or go to www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science**, 1 Centennial Drive, presents Exploratorium sampler exhibit showing through May 1. Many favorite hands-on exhibits. — "Alien Earths" exhibit shows through May 8. Admission \$4.50-\$8.50. Details: go to www.lawrencehallofscience.com or call 510-642-5132.

■ **Habitat Children's Museum**, 2065 Kittredge St., presents National Safe Kids Week activities: Safe Kids Day on May 4 with Bilingual CPR Skills Workshop (English/Spanish) at 11 a.m. Capture Technologies will make Habitat photo ID cards of your children using the Datacard Photo ID Solution System at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Toddler Immunization Check-up 10 a.m.-12 p.m. May 5. Bring your child's immunization record/yellow card to Habitat and an immunization professional from the Alameda County Public Health Department will check to see if your child is missing any immunizations. Free information, thank you gifts available. — "Traveling Safety with Children" talk is at 11 a.m. May 7. Admission: \$6 child, \$5 adult. Details: 510-647-1111 or go to www.habitat.org.

■ **Boy Scout Meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ Check out books from the **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library**, 1414 Walnut St. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cct.org.

■ **El Cerrito** offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4371.

Community

■ **St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church**, Richmond, hosts 30th Year Anniversary services honoring their Pastor and wife Rev. John H. Green & Sister Othello Green beginning 7 p.m. April 22 at 185 South 7th St. Details: 510-234-7973.

■ **"Guatemala Revisited"** program by Ruth Michaels, discussion is 1:30-3 p.m. April 22 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Details: 510-232-1351.

■ **Celebrate Earth Day** with "The Future of Food" — an evening of Food, Film & Discussion at 7 p.m. April 22 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Wine & cheese reception 6:15 p.m. Film about genetically modified foods, with panel discussion by authors Mollie Katzen & Michael Pollan, scientist Ignacio Chapela, filmmaker Deborah Koons Garcia. Tickets: \$10-\$20 benefits Community School of the East Bay Scholarship Fund. Details: 510-923-0505 or www.cseb.org.

■ **"See No Evil: Media in a Time of War"** fundraiser is 8 p.m. April 22 at Berkeley High School's Florence Schwimley Little Theater, 1920 Allston Way. A benefit for Berkeley Community Media and Communication Arts and Sciences Small School at Berkeley High. Features Democracy Now! journalist Amy Goodman presenting documen-

tary "Independent Media in a Time of War," documentary producer Mark Brecke showing slides from his recent trip to Sudan. Tickets: \$15. Details: <http://www.betv.org/seenoevil.html>.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following pet adoption events: cats 12-3 p.m. April 23, 30 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave.; dogs 12-3 p.m. April 30 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **AAA's Great Battery Roundup** recycling effort runs through April 23. Drop off expired car batteries at Dana Meyer Auto Care, 660 San Pablo Ave., Albany. Proceeds benefit Shorebird Park Nature Center. For more drop-off locations: www.batteryrundup.com or 800-903-2227.

■ **Berkeley Earth Day Fair** is 12-5 p.m. April 23 at Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Way & Allston St. U.S. Congressperson Dennis Kucinich invited as speaker, cultural performers, climbing wall, Big Tadoo Puppet Crew, vegetarian food, craft and community booths. Volunteers needed, call 510-654-6346 or go to www.hesternet.net.

■ **Earth Day at Berkeley Farmer's Market: Fun & Learning for Kids & Adults** is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 23 at Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. Baby goats, urban chickens, poster exhibition, hand wool-spinning, informational beehive, more. Details: 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Albany YMCA Giant Garage Sale** is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 23 at 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Clothing, books, children's toys, household/office items, more. Proceeds support Albany YMCA Youth and Senior Financial Assistance Programs. Details: 510-525-1130.

■ **Congregation Beth El's** upcoming **Seder**, at 2301 Vine St.: Second Night Community Passover Seder 5:45 p.m. April 24. Fee: \$18-\$45. — Interfaith Families Seder 5:45 p.m. April 25. \$18-\$36. — Women of Beth El Potluck Seder 6:30 p.m. April 26. \$7. — Singers Seder-Shalom to Pesach 6 p.m. April 30. \$24-\$36. Details/reservations: 510-848-3988 x11.

■ **Kol Hadash**, the Bay Area's only Jewish Humanistic Congregation, presents Passover Seder at 6 p.m. April 30 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Reservations must be received by April 25. For cost and details: call 925-254-0609 or 925-254-1908.

■ **Berkeley High School Site Council** meets 4:30-6 p.m. April 25 in school library, 2223 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. On agenda: WASC process and Site Plan Action Items; BHS governance model and SSC meeting process; algebra program; special education program; and selection of topics for next two meetings. All representatives and alternates should attend, and anyone interested is welcome. Details: www.bhs.berkeleypta.org/ssc.

■ **Neighborhood Parents Network** presents a Panel Discussion on Home-schooling Options 7-9 p.m. April 26 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Free for NPN members, \$5 for non members. Details: www.npnonline.org or 877-648-KIDS x86.

■ **Berkeley Gray Panthers'** next membership meeting is 2-7 p.m. April 27 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Topic: "The Education Crisis in California." Details: 510-548-9696.

■ **American Red Cross's** next mobile blood drives are: 2-7 p.m. April 27 at LDS Berkeley University, 2368 LeConte Ave. Sign up at the LDS University Ward or call 510-848-7571. — 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 28 at Berke-



PRESIDIO ENSEMBLE presents "A Concert of Chamber Music from the 20th Century" featuring and strings at 8 p.m. April 29 at Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave. Includes works of Shostakovich, Ginastera, Part. Tickets: \$10, available at door. Details: www.presidioensemble.com.

ley Aquatic Park, 700 Heinz Ave., Building F. — 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 9 at LifeLong Medical Center, 2031-6th St. Details: Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.BeaDonor.com.

■ **La Pena Community Chorus** presents Class of 2005 Grad Nite fundraiser concert 8 p.m. April 29 at El Cerrito High School's Little Theater, Mexican folkloric music, American Gospel and American folk. Voices are accompanied by instrumentalists. Tickets: \$10-\$20 sliding scale; send a check payable to "ECHS Grad Nite" to: Lisa Schiff, 1335 Brewster Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530, and tickets will be mailed to you. Please include SASE. To help sell tickets call 510-236-3003.

■ **New School of Berkeley** presents their International Family Fair and raffle 11 a.m.-5 p.m. April 30 on Bonita Street between Cedar & Virginia Streets. Food from Christie's Vegetarian Cafe, children's games & activities, live entertainment, raffle at 4 p.m. Free. Details: 510-548-9165.

■ **Berkeley Potters Guild** presents "A Bird in the Hand," their 26th annual Spring Sale and Show 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 30-May 1, May 7-8 at 731

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■ **City of Berkeley Creeks Task Force** meetings are held 7-9:30 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. Schedule is as follows: May 2, 16; June 6, 20; July 11, 18; Aug. 1, 15; Sept. 12, 19; Oct. 3, 17; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5. Details: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/planning/land-use/Creeks/default.html.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** presents auditions for "Anything Goes," by Porter, Boulton, Wodehouse, Lindsay and Crouse and directed by Mark Manske at 7-10 p.m. May 2, 3 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. All roles open, all ages needed. Prepare a song in style of show with sheet music in your key, prepare to move. Read from script. Non-AEA, no pay. No appointment necessary. Callbacks 7-10 p.m. May 9. Performances will be July 8-Aug. 13. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.cct.org.

■ **Ecology Center** presents "Can be a Gas" talk 7-9 p.m. May 25 at 2530 San Pablo Ave. Farmer Dan Blume covers amazing history of fuel, dispel the myths associated with alcohol and highlight bioethanol. Cost: \$5-\$25 sliding scale. Benefit for an educational organization spreading word about alternative fuel. Details: 510-548-2229 or www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom** presents "The Next Crisis" talk 10 a.m. May 2 at Berkeley-East Bay Gray Panthers Office, 1403 Addison St. Laura Santana brings news from Women's World Conference she attended in India. Details: 510-548-9696.

■ **Bansuri Music** presents a concert for In Okkar Peace Foundation featuring G.S. Shastri and Swapna Chaudhuri 7:30 p.m.

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Obituaries and In Memoriam

Clyde Harrison Walden, Jr.

April 23, 1949 to April 16, 2005
Beloved husband of Mari E. Walden, father of Alexandra Louise Walden, Christine Elizabeth Walden and Nicole Patton-Miller Walden, brother of Kenneth Cousins Walden and uncle of Derek Harrison Walden. Clyde passed away April 16, 2005 after a long battle with multiple illnesses.

Clyde was the son of Dr. Clyde H. Walden Sr. and Mary Louise Walden of Missouri and later of Piedmont, California. He was born in Boulder, Colorado and grew up in Akron, Ohio and Piedmont, California. He currently resided in Danville, California.

He graduated from Chico State where he met his wife Mari. He then went on to work for Kaiser Aluminum and Crown Cork & Seal from which he later retired.

His hobbies included camping, coin collecting, raising and training dogs, and participating in his children's many school and sports activities. His "four girls," as he would say, "are the light of my life."

A private family memorial service was held at Wilson & Kratzer in Danville, California on April 22nd. Clyde will be interred with his father, mother, brother and sister at Fairview Cemetery in Missouri.

Memorial contributions are requested in lieu of flowers to the American Diabetes Association, 1900 Powell St., #285, San Francisco, CA 94608.

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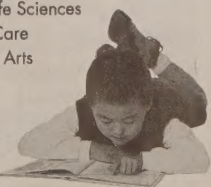
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Berkeley Adult School's 11th Annual Career Fair is 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 12 in Multi-Purpose Room, 1701 Pablo Ave. Meet employers, get resumes critiqued, get free resume critiquing. Details: 510-644-8968.

Berkeley Public Library's North Branch presents 26th annual **Quilt** on display through **May 21** at 12 in Multi-Purpose Room, 1701 Pablo Ave. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 12-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays. Details: 510-981-6250.

Black Carpet One store presents 2nd edition **Spring Welcome Mats** to support the American Cancer Society in its fight against breast cancer through **May** at 1065 Ashby Ave. Exclusive designs available for \$20 each.

World Affairs/Current Events for people 60+ years resumes 10:15-11:45 a.m. Mondays at Albany Center, 846 Masonic Ave., \$25 per session. Details: call 510-524-4222.

Hopalong Animal Rescue — Dog & puppy temporary foster homes are always needed. Local animal shelters overcrowded and the situation is dire. Please call Hopalong Animal Rescue at 510-267-1915 or go to www.hopalong.org.

Programs at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Low Income Support Group is at 11 a.m.-12 p.m. last Monday of each month. — **Massage Therapy** is Tuesdays 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$10 per 15 minute session. — **Smoking Cessation Group**, Fridays 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sliding scale \$3-\$10 per week. — **Senior Issues Support Group**, Thursdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., \$15.

World Affairs/Current Events discussion group for people 60 years and over meets Mondays 10:15-11:45 a.m. Registration: 510-524-9122.

Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmers Markets are at three locations: **Tuesdays** at Market is 2-6 p.m. (rain hours) on Derby Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. — **North Shattuck** Farmers Market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at 2625 Durant Ave. It features locally grown produce. — **Friday's** market is at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Markets open year round. Details: 510-548-3333 or www.ecologycenter.org.

Berkeley City Club and Landmark Foundation are dedicated to preservation and promotion of legacy of the City Club. Take a free docent-led tour of Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. on fourth Sunday of each month (last December, 1-4 p.m. Free, with donations welcome. For reservations: 510-848-7800 or 510-848-7800).

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EL CERRITO ART ASSOCIATION'S 29th annual Art Show is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 30 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 1 at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. A variety of works by local artists will be on display, with some available for purchase. Above is "Sonata for Seven Fingers," an acrylic on paper abstract composition by El Cerrito artist Bernard Bradley. Artists' reception/awards ceremony is 7:30-9:30 p.m. April 29. Free. Details: 510-234-5028 or 510-526-9564.

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 510-845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalve.net.

Exhibits

California College of the Arts presents Barclay Simpson MFA Awards Exhibition **April 22-29** at Oliver Art Center, Oakland campus, 5212 Broadway. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 12-5 p.m. Reception/awards presentation: 5:30-7:30 p.m. **April 25**. Award-winning work by CCA graduate students in fine arts is on view. Free. Details: 510-658-1223.

Artbeat Salon & Gallery presents "Spring" paintings by Michael Grady, Judy Polid through **April 23** at 1887 Solano Ave. Details: 510-527-3100.

A New Leaf Gallery/Sculturesite presents its current exhibit "Interlude" through **April 27** at 1286 Gilman St. Details: www.sculturesite.com or 510-525-7621.

"Splash! Splash!" works of Berkeley artist Judith White, are showing 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays through **April 29** at Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Joseph P. Bort Metro Center, 101 Eighth St., Oakland. Details: 510-464-7773.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents Lewis Suzuki's watercolors in lobby through **April 30**. — "Siempre La Lucha" shows in Cafe. — Group show celebrating International Women's Month is in Theater. Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

El Cerrito Art Association's 29th annual Art Show is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 1 at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Variety of works shown by local artists, with some available for purchase. Artists' reception/awards ceremony is 7:30-9:30 p.m. **April 29**. Free. Details: 510-234-5028 or 510-526-9564.

UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., #2250, presents: Matrix 216: Slater Bradley "The Year of the Doppelgänger" **April 24-June 26**; "Blind at the Museum" through **July 24**; "Drawn by the Brush: Oil Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens" through **May 15**; "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting" through **July 24**; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through **Aug. 7**. Details: go to www.berkeleyartmuseum.org.

www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or call 510-642-0808.

Aurora Theatre Company presents play "Blue/Orange" through **May 15** at 2081 Addison St. Showtimes: Wednesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Tickets: \$28-\$45, call 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org.

"Absolutely Abstract" art exhibit by Zamine Agazarian, Peggy Cotton and Andrea Markus shows through **April/May** at Innersport's gallery, Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St., Suite 102. Details: 510-883-1126 or go to www.innersport.com.

Gallery 940 presents Ruth von Jahnke Waters' "Between Dimensions" exhibit through **May 31** at 940 Dwight Way. Details: 650-594-1577.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts presents "The Work of Jacob Clark" painting exhibit through **June 6** at 2510 San Pablo Ave. Hours: Fridays-Sundays 1-5 p.m. or by appointment. Details: 510-849-0950 or www.turnofthecenturyfinearts.com.

Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through **July 31** at Reutlinger Gallery; "Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shtetl" through **July 31**. — "The People and the Book: Paintings and Rare Books from the Museum's Collection" through **July 3** in Second Floor Gallery. Free. Details: 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., offers the following exhibitions: — "Turning Corners", a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations", a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through **Jan. 22, 2006**. — Details: 510-642-0808.

Film/dance/stage

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts the upcoming events: Women in Salsa Celebration 9 p.m. **April 22**. \$12. — Arte Flamenco with Roberto Zamora 8 p.m. **April 23**. \$18-\$20. — Celebracion de Culturas is 5 p.m. **April 24**. \$15. — film "Sexo con Amor/Sex with Love" 7:30 p.m. **April 28**. \$8. — Chus Alonso's Pottingue 8:30 p.m. **April 29**. \$10-\$12. — Carolyn Brandy with Ojalat & Las

Locas of Loco Bloco 7:30 p.m. conversation, 8:30 p.m. show **April 30**. \$12-\$14. — Domingo de Rumba 3:30 p.m. **May 1**. Free. — A night of flamenco with Cristo Cortes, Pirouz Ebadypour and more 8 p.m. **May 6**. \$18 advance, \$20 at door. — Ancestral Body Navegante is 7:30 p.m. **May 5**. \$7-\$10. — Cuentos Theater Series presents "Hip-Hop Aesthetics in Theater & Performance" panel 12 p.m. **May 7**. May Day in Caracas 2005 is 7:30 p.m. May 11. \$5-\$15 sliding scale. — Cafe Poetry hosted by Kira Allen 7:30 p.m. **May 11**. Donation Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

University Dance Theater presents works by Carol Murota, Lisa Wymore, Ellis Wood **April 22-24** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Playhouse. Performance times: 8 p.m. April 15, 16, 22, 23; 7 p.m. April 17; 2 p.m. April 24. Tickets: \$8-\$14; go to <http://theater.berkeley.edu> or call 510-642-9925.

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents: — Youthquake Teen Music Show 8 p.m. **April 22**. Bands include Azrael, B Natural, Fusium, The Gnomes and Unbound. Tickets: \$9 general, \$5 for ages 13-17, free for children 12 and under. — Oohkah the Moc plays Hawaiian blend of dub roots reggae 9:30 p.m. **April 27**. \$12. — Yair Dalal performs Peace Concert in honor of Holocaust Memorial Day 8:30 p.m. **May 4**. Dalal performs his compositions and traditional, classical Jewish Arabic music. Tickets: \$15 at door, \$35 advance. Details: 510-525-5054 or www.Ashkenaz.com.

Impact Theatre presents new installment of short comic plays "Impact Briefs 7: the How-To Show" 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights: **April 22-May 28** at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Details: 510-464-4468.

Cal Performances presents Ford Five Hundred Tuscan Sun Festival Tour 8 p.m. **April 25** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Multimedia event invokes pleasure of an Italian summer through music, spoken words and photography. Tickets: \$22-\$42; 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

UC Berkeley Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies presents **Student Workshop Production "Lab Run"** 8 p.m. **April 28-30**, 2 p.m. **April 30** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, Room 7. Tickets: \$5. — **Spring Choreography Workshop** featuring "Alow" by Samantha Puentes is 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. **May 6** at UC Berkeley's Durham Studio Theater. Free. Details: <http://theater.berkeley.edu>.

Cal Performances presents "Seasons of Migration: Music & Dance from Cambodia" featuring dancers from Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh at 8 p.m. **April 29** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$24-\$48; call 510-642-9988.

Living Arts Playback Theatre Ensemble presents an evening of Playback, an improvisational theatre form in which audience members offer stories from their lives then watch and listen as actors and musicians of Ensemble instantly transform stories into theatre pieces. Event is 8 p.m. **April 30** at Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. Sliding scale admission \$12-\$18. Reservations: 510-655-5186 x25.

Travelling Jewish Theatre presents its "Middle East Project: Blood Relative" through **May 1** at Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave. Focuses on a character with a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. Tickets: \$23-\$34. Details: 415-285-8080, www.juliamorgan.org or www.aajt.com.

Wild Irish Productions presents premiere of "Ariel" by Marina Carr through **May 1** at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays.

Greek myth Iphigenia infused with language and idiom of Irish Midlands. Tickets: \$18-\$22; opening night \$25; go to www.wildeirish.org or call 510-644-9940.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents "Page to Stage", a series of conversations with eminent theatre artists at 7 p.m. at 2015 Addison St. Schedule is as follows: **May 2**: playwright & director Leigh Fondakowski. Free. Details: 510-647-2949 or go to www.berkeleyrep.org.

Master Teacher Paulo Araujo teaches **Argentine Tango** 8:30-10 p.m. **May 3, 5, 10, 12** at Claremont Resort fitness spa, 41 Tunnel Road. Introduction for beginners & more advanced students new to Paulo's technique. Single class fee \$20 nonmembers, \$15 members, \$10 teens. Series fee \$65 nonmembers, \$55 members, \$35 teens; call Katy 510-549-8512.

Del Sol String Quartet performs in concert 8 p.m. **May 4** at The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave. Tickets: \$7-\$21. Details: 415-831-5672 or www.del-solquartet.com.

Cal Performances presents "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo" 8 p.m. **May 5-7** at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$26-\$48; call 510-642-9988.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents musical "Working" 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday evenings through **May 7, 8 p.m.** **May 5** at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. Studio Terkel's colorful interviews with America's working people. Admission: \$15; call 510-649-5999 or go to www.aeofberkeley.org.

Berkeley High School Drama De-

partment presents musical "A Chorus Line" 8 p.m. **May 6, 7, 13, 14**; 7 p.m. **May 8** at Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, 1930 Allston Way. Tickets: \$6-\$12; Sunday pay what you can. Details: Jordan 510-332-1931.

Second annual Independent Festival of Digital Arts, hosted by Vista Community College's Multimedia Arts Department, debuts with an opening night gala 8 p.m. **May 6**, and continues 12-9 p.m. **May 7** at North Berkeley Community Center, 1901 Hearst St. Details: 510-981-2818 or www.ifdigitalarts.org.

Berkeley Opera presents Verdi's "Macbeth" **May 7-15** at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. Showtimes: 8 p.m. **May 7, 13**; 7:30 p.m. **May 11**; 2 p.m. **May 15**. Tickets: \$10-\$40; call 925-798-1300. Details: 510-841-1903 or www.berkeleyopera.org.

NATYA presents "dha-Tu - The Elements" dance program 6 p.m. **May 8** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Indian classical dance forms of Bharatanatyam and Kathak woven with world music, storytelling, and yoga. Tickets: advance \$11-\$13, at door \$13-\$15; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

California Revels presents "A Mother's Day Tribute to All Mothers" 2 p.m. **May 8** at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Music and dance program with "Queen of the May" selection and tribute to the life and work of California Revels founder, Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children; call 925-798-1300.

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Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Eastenders Repertory Company** presents plays "A Knight's Escape" by local playwright Charles E. Polly and "WWJD? Some Good Old Medieval Morality Play Motor Oil" through May 14 at the Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10-\$22. Details/schedule/tickets: 510-568-4118 or www.ticketweb.com.

■ **Black Repertory Group** presents "Bubbling Brown Sugar," the Broadway musical through May 14 at 3201 Adeline St. Play tells history and "real story of Harlem" through song. Showtimes: Fridays 8 p.m.; Saturdays 2:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$12 advance, \$15 at door, \$7 seniors/students. Details: 510-652-2120.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre's** "Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical" by Frank Wildhorn & Leslie Bricusse shows through May 21 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Showtimes: Friday, Saturdays 8 p.m.; April 24, May 1, 5, 12 p.m. A tale of epic battle between good and evil, based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic about a brilliant doctor whose experiments with human personality create a murderous counterpart. Admission: \$12-\$20. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.cct.org.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** presents "The People's Temple" at 8 p.m. through May 29 at Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St. Story explores circumstances leading to Peoples Temple/Jonestown tragedy. Tickets: 510-647-2949 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **St. Joseph the Worker Church** presents "First Fridays," programs with a social conscience, on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at 2125 Jefferson St. May 6: 2005 Norwegian TV documentary "The Ambassador," which details allegations of new Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte's complicity with human rights abuse during his tenure as US Ambassador to Honduras in 1980s. Details: 510-482-1062.

Health

■ **Foundation for Osteoporosis Research and Education's** Boverly Tracewell talks about osteoporosis: general bone health, prevention, available treatments at 7 p.m. May 3 at El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Free. Details: 510-526-7512.

Learning

■ **Vista Community College** holds workshops: "International Tour Directing" April 23 at Vista, Room 303, 2020 Milvia St. 510-981-2931. "Doing Business in China" April 23 at Vista's Allington Way Annex, 2075 Allington Way, Room 110. All classes 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee: \$13 for CA residents. Details: www.peralta.cc.ca.us or 510-981-2884.

■ **Vocal Jazz Workshops** for teenagers & adults with leader Richard Kalman are Saturdays through April 23 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 12-2 p.m. is Beginner jazz repertoire and style classes; 2:30-4 p.m. is Intermediate-developing style and interpretation classes, open to instrumentalists as well. Details, registration: 510-524-9283 or www.albanyca.org.

■ **Shotgun Players** present the following theater classes for adults at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave.: "Acting from the Heart and Head" Sundays 1:30-4:30 p.m. through April 24. Fee for each class: \$300. To enroll: Marilyn Stanley 510-845-8542 x301, email marilyn@juliamorgan.org, or go to www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Preparing for Disasters/Agency Emergency Planning** presentation is 3-5 p.m. April 25 at 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito. Disaster preparedness training to community agencies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations. Free. RSVP: 925-313-6744. Details: 510-451-3140.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center**, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., offers ongoing classes in exercise, ceramics, copper enameling, weaving, creative writing, and monthly speakers on matters of current interest and travel slide presentations. New members, seniors over 50 welcome. Discount lunches offered. Senior group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings, with special events: Charles Fitch will show travel slides 11 a.m. April 26, May 24. Birthdays celebrated 12 p.m. May 3. — Blood pres-

sure screening 10:30 a.m.; Fred Harvey speaks about lives of his parents from gay nineties through roaring twenties in vaudeville 11 a.m. May 10. — Acupuncture Joe Cleary speaks about efficacy of Chinese medicine for retirees 11 a.m. May 17; manicures by Carolyn Law. — "Let's Talk" with Helen 11 a.m. May 31. Details: 510-845-6830.

■ **"Green Building 101"** free workshop is 7-9 p.m. April 28 at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin, Albany. David Johnston presents ways to use green building techniques and products. Registration: www.BuildGreenNow.org or Michelle 510-845-5106 x230.

■ **Lead-Safe Painting and Remodeling** class is 2-3:30 p.m. April 30 at Green Home Expo, Martin Luther King Civic Center Park, 2125 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free. Registration: 510-567-8280 or www.acilppp.org.

Literary events

■ **Dharma Publishing Bookstore** presents presentation & talk by Annaud Matland, author of "Living Without Regret - Growing Old in the Light of Tibetan Buddhism" is 4-6 p.m. April 23 at 2910 San Pablo Ave. Book is an introduction of Tibetan Buddhism teachings and how to apply in our lives. Details: 510-544-5407.

■ **Poetry Express** weekly open mike hosted by Mark States is on Mondays at 7 p.m. at Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave. Upcoming features: April 25 theme night "Planes, Trains & Busses" (commuter poems). Details: email berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com.

■ **The Whole Note Poetry Series** is at 7 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays at the Beany, 2925 College Ave., with upcoming guests: April 26: Anniversary-Allen Cohen Birthday with Ann Cohen and TBA. — Details: Jesse 510-549-9093.

■ **Readers Anonymous**, the El Cerrito Library Book Club moderated by Michele Hampshire, presents upcoming selections for meetings held at 7-8 p.m. at 6510 Stockton Ave.: "In the Time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez on April 26; "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides on May 24; "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" by Mark Haddon on June 28; and "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger on July 26. Free. Details: 510-526-7512 or go to www.cccilb.org.

■ **Actors Reading Writers** presents "The Intimacy of Strangers" 7:30 p.m. May 2 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Hear local actors Paul Silverman and Erin Merritt read stories by Richard Bausch and Flannery O'Connor. Bring a book and take a book in monthly book exchange. Free. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Theatrical Poetic Collective at Twilight Tuesdays:** A Voyage Of Verse, Voice, Vision featuring: Open mic, third eye poetry. Enjoy weekly scheduled evenings with theme poetry and an 'On the Spot 5 Minutes Drop Poetry Contest (not a slam) at 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline St. \$2 mandatory entry fee to compete for cash pot. The tightest poets will win, come and see. Cheer for your favorites \$5. Admission; no one turned away for lack of funds.

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., presents the following ongoing poetry events: First Thursdays include Open Mike and Featured Poet sessions at 7-9 p.m. — Second Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops, for all ages, led by Alison Seevak. Free. Library is wheelchair accessible and light refreshments will be served. Details: Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 x20.

Meetings/lectures

■ **UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy** presents brown bag talk with Gaddi H. Vasquez, Peace Corps Director: "The Toughest Job I've Ever Loved: My First Three Years as Director of Peace Corps" 12-1 p.m. April 25 in GSPF Living Room, 2807 Hearst Ave. — U.S. Comptroller General David M. Walker speaks on "The Nation's Growing Fiscal Imbalance: Perspectives and Issues" 5-6:30 p.m. May 4 at UC Berkeley's Auditorium, Haas School of Business. Details: <http://gssp.berkeley.edu> or 510-642-4670.

Miscellany

■ **Center for Independent Living** announces its newly created **Asian Out-**

reach Program to assist Asian individuals with disabilities, particularly new immigrants. Providing services and advocacy in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English, program staff are culturally sensitive and knowledgeable of community and government service available to individuals with disabilities. For more information, call CIL at 510-763-9999.

■ **The Albatross Pub** presents Brainstormer Trivia Pub Quiz at 8:30 p.m. Sundays at 1822 San Pablo Ave. Sign up at 8:15, bring your own team of 5 or less people or come alone and join another team. Details: www.brainstormer.com. — Pictionary, Scattagories, Trivial Pursuit and more games available to play with a group. — Tuesday Night Dart Tournament is at 7:30 p.m. for weekly participants or drop-in competitors. House matches half the pot, cash prizes for first and second place. \$5 entry fee. Details: 510-843-2473 (THE-BIRD) or go to www.albatrosspub.com.

■ **Three wishes Inc.** makes available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled power (electric) wheelchairs at no cost to recipient, if they qualify: those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home, and meet program guidelines. No deposit required. Details: 800-839-5715 or 800-817-1871.

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets third Tuesdays monthly. No host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St. Fee: \$3. Women with relatives in U.S. Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. Details: R. DeHill, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

■ **Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Center's community program of life-long learning is presented by West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 510-526-9146 or 510-547-1969.

■ **Higher Alignment**; 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; free, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way; 415-461-5337; \$20.

Music

■ **Starry Plough Club**, 3101 Shattuck Ave., presents upcoming shows: April 22 Grapefruit Ed. \$8. — April 24 8 p.m. Starry Irish Music session with Shay Black. Sliding scale. — April 25 7 p.m. Dance class & Ceili (Irish music session). — April 30 Sandy Coates. — May 3 NoMeansNo. 101. Details: 510-841-2082 or www.starryploughclub.com. Shows at 9:30 p.m., for ages 21+ unless noted.

■ **New Spirit Community Church** presents two concert fundraisers at Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Way: Natasha Miller, jazz vocalist and her ensemble 8 p.m. April 23. — Andy Canepa presents a solo piano recital featuring works of Chopin, Ravel, Bach, Granados at 8 p.m. on April 29. Suggested donations: \$10-\$20. Fundraisers benefit PSR. Reservations: 510-704-7729.

■ **Community Music Day at Crowden Music Center** is noon-5 p.m. April 23 at 1475 Rose St. Free concerts, instrument petting zoo, fun for whole family. Details: 510-559-2941 or www.thecrowdenmusic.org.

■ **Down Home Music** presents free in-store concert by Moh Alliche 2 p.m. April 23 at 10341 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Algerian Alliche plays traditional Amazigh (Berber) music, using the monod, North African 10-stringed instrument. Details: 510-525-2129.

■ **"Offerings"** monthly healing concert series presents Ya Elah 7 p.m. April 24 at Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St. Upcoming: Distant Oaks on May 29; Mark Deutsch June 26. Donation: \$10. Details: 510-213-3122.



Let's hear it for the Earth

IT GOES without saying that we should take care of the Earth year-round. The month of April usually serves as a friendly reminder, thanks to Earth Day, a worldwide appreciation for our planet. Some events are geared toward environmental activities — such as the California State Parks Earth Day 2005 Restoration and Cleanup and the celebration in Martinez at the house of John Muir. Others are for our finest local naturalists — while others are just a good excuse to get outside and enjoy (we hope) some sunshine. California State Parks Earth Day 2005 Restoration and Cleanup events are April 23-24. Various events at locations around the Bay Area will be taking place, and volunteers are needed. Includes the volunteer effort at Eastshore State Park on the Berkeley and Albany shore from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Participants are asked to bring gloves, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, shovel (for removal only) and water. Contact for a complete schedule. Free; www.calparks.org.

■ **Presidio Ensemble** presents "A Concert of Chamber Music from the 20th Century" featuring flute and strings at 8 p.m. April 29 at Giorgio Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave. Includes works of Shostakovich, Beach, Ginastera, Part. Tickets: \$10, available at door. Details: www.presidioensemble.com.

■ **Cal Performances** presents jazz-pop vocalist/ pianist Peter Cincotti 8 p.m. April 30 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$22-\$42; call 510-642-9988.

■ **Berkeley Broadway Singers** present "Unforgettable" Free Concert led by Music Director Ellen Hoffman at 8 p.m. April 30 at St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. Choral works, solo pieces and standards (including "Somewhere," "42nd Street"). — Concert also at 4 p.m. May 1 at St. Augustine's Church, 400 Alcatraz Ave., Oakland. Wheelchair accessible. Details: 510-644-5732 or www.berkeleybroadwaysingers.org.

■ **Cal Performances** presents the Kronos Quartet with Wu Man, pipa (Chinese lute) 7 p.m. May 1 at UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Tickets: \$42; call 510-642-9988.

■ **Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra** concert is 4:30 p.m. May 1, 8 p.m. May 7 at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St. Durle Requiem; Bach Motet VI, Lobet den Herrn, alle Helden; excerpts from Handel's Rinaldo. Ariane Sagan, director. Marcelle Drinkers, soprano. Mark Bruce, organist. Wheelchair Accessible. Free, with donations welcome. Details: www.bcco.org.

■ **Cal Performances** presents Gypsy Crossings featuring Bireli Lagrene & Taraf de Haidouks 7 p.m. May 8 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$22-\$42; call 510-642-9988.

■ **Subterranean Shakespeare Theatre** presents company benefit "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits" concert 8 p.m. May 9 at The Unitarian Fellowship, 1924 Cedar St. Shakespeare's words taken and interpreting them in different music styles. Tickets: \$10-\$15 sliding scale. Reservations/details: 510-6074-3671.

■ **Berkeley Symphony Orchestra** presents "Manzanar: An American Story"

8 p.m. May 10 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. History, politics and music unite with guest narrators exploring experiences with World War II Japanese-American internment camps, with musical excerpts. Pre-concert talk 7 p.m. Tickets: \$22-\$49; 510-841-2800 or www.berkeleyphilharmonic.org.

■ **Berkeley Chamber Performances** presents Pacific Brass Quintet in concert 8 p.m. May 10 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Features works of Brubeck, Gould, more. Admission: \$20. Details: 510-525-5211 or www.berkeleychamberperform.org.

Submitted by Marion Fay, publicist, Berkeley Chamber Performances.

■ **Berkeley Public Library's "Second Thursdays" Noonline Concert Series** features James Tinsley, classical trumpet, & John Reager, piano at 12:15 p.m. May 12 in Art & Music Room, top floor, 2090 Kittredge St. Future concert: June 9: Litz Plummer, operatic soprano. Details: 510-981-6100 or go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

■ **Berkeley Faculty Club** on UC Berkeley campus features piano music by Tim Ross and Jack Kruscup 5-7:30 p.m. Thursdays & Fridays in Kerr dining room. Early Bird specials at \$12.99 available from 5-6:30 p.m. Monday thru

Friday. Details: www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com.

■ **Jazzschool**, 2087 Addison St., presents Jazzschool Jam Session Sunday, 7:30-10 p.m. An open jamming David Michel Ruddy Quartet where instrumentalists and vocalists welcome to sit in. Free. Admission: 866-384-3060.

■ **Vocal Women's Vocal Ensemble** currently holding auditions for Spring 2005 season, culminating in May concerts. The 24-vocalists mostly sing classical music but also a wide variety of historical periods. Spring's repertoire includes Debussy, Holst and several new pieces by local composers. Consists of ear-training, sight-singing and the performance of a pared solo piece. For audition scheduling: contact Artistic Director Jude Navari at 415-425-8706. Administrative Director Terry Hays 510-531-8714 or go to www.vocalwomen.org/voci.

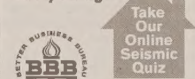
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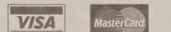


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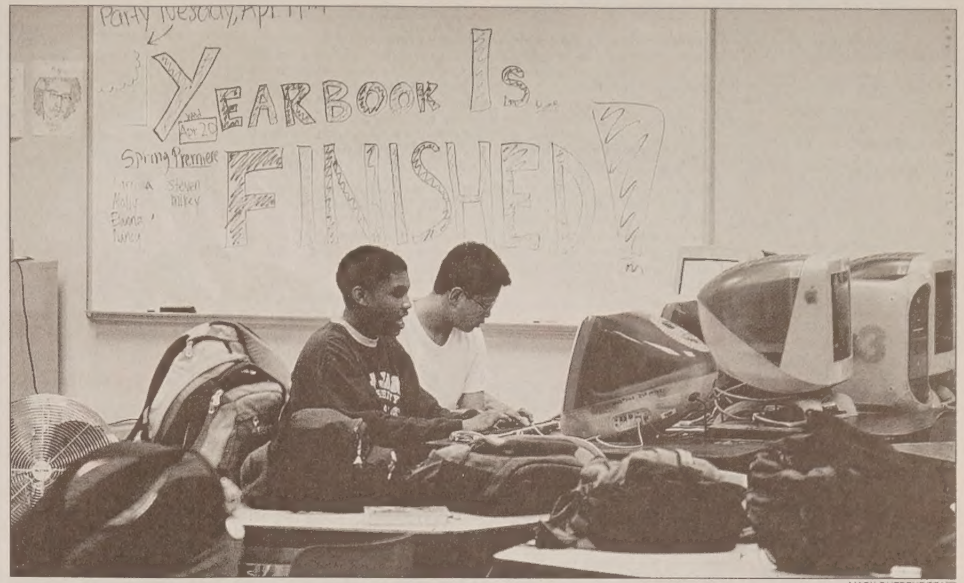
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has an easy rapport with students and said he prefers lecture. He allows the students to follow their passions and to him for advice when they...
said, "As long as you do a job," said Brendan, "you know what you want."
over the last two years, students changed the focus of the paper from covering events to offering a pack of stories on particular issues. They gave the front page photos more typical of a magazine.
last year there were 25 students in the class. When it came to recruit for the present year, there were 60 applicants. "That was the first sign we were doing something right," said Alan, who last year won a place award in the state from San Francisco Press Club for opinion piece about the music industry and marketing.
the journalism program expanded from one to two periods. 16-page papers came out with articles, opinions, eye-catching photography, and layout with few ads. The front page of the April 4 promises an "in-depth report on the successes and failures of high school education." There are eight pages of articles on the topic.
reporter Sonja Prins

questions the pressure to succeed academically; staff reporter Adrian Connolly looks at a typical day in the school's special education program; and guest reporter Candace Jones and features reporters Ray Newsome and Shen Liu look at racism in schools, both nationally and in the city.
"They're taking on tough issues and covering them with more depth and insight than I've ever read about ... in any forum," said Albany School Board member Miriam Walden. "I keep telling people it's the best news you can get anywhere right now if you want to read about the issues they're writing about."
Several students said they've developed a love of journalism.
Sonja Prins, a co-editor of next year's paper, interviewed recovering adolescent drug addicts at the Oakland treatment center Thunder Road for an article in the Jan. 4 issue, which looked at student drug and alcohol use.
"I felt like it wasn't a high school assignment," said Sonja. "It was actually something that could mean something."
Up next, Purdom is teaming up with video editing teacher Jeff Castle to create a broadcast component of the newspaper next school year. The idea is for students enrolled in the newspaper video class to create content for Albany public access cable Channel 33.
Purdom said the growth in the journalism program has been supported by parents, school ad-



SURROUNDED BY backpacks and computers, Cougar reporters Ray Newsome, left, and Sean Liu work on their story Monday in the Albany High School newspaper office.

ministrators and the Contra Costa County Office of Education Regional Occupation Program. That program funds a number of vocational classes at the school, including yearbook, video editing and graphic arts.
"This year we've received new cameras, new software for doing

a Web version of the paper and we just got a brand new very fast computer server," said Purdom. "And everything ... in that room has been paid for by ROP."
Brendan and Becca's biggest complaint is that they get too few letters to the editor.
That's why Becca was thrilled

when the English teacher criticized her editorial about AP classes.
After discussing it with Purdom, she and Brendan decided they would avoid responding to it directly. They'll instead budget a news story about AP classes for the next issue.

"Hopefully it will encourage people to write to the paper," said Becca, the co-editor of next year's Cougar. "We want people interested."
Reach Alan Lopez at 510-243-3578 or at alopez1@cctimes.com.

Council
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Alameda and Mountain View adopted local ordinances to close dispensaries, according to city report. Other cities such as Fremont and Belmont have the position that the use is allowed because federal law prohibits the possession and sale of drug.
On Monday, April 18, the council voted 3-1 to continue the discussion to its next meeting.
City Councilman Robert Lieber supported the emergency ordinance but refused to prevent the council from using the drug for other purposes.
"I don't advocate this for anybody," Lieber said, "but it's not me through 20 years of living now that marijuana is some people."
Mayor Robert Good said he didn't believe the city needs regulations to prevent the facilities from being used. Councilwoman

Jewel Okawachi was absent.
"You want to see an emergency," said Good. "Just imagine when Albany citizens discover there are dispensaries on Solano Avenue."
Good also cast the dissenting vote on whether the city should work with the East Bay Regional Park district to acquire land along the waterfront.
The council first debated the possibility of holding a special meeting to discuss waterfront issues. Lieber and Good were against the idea.
"I don't want to do the developer's job," said Lieber. "I don't want to bring staff on board to serve them in any way. I believe a meeting at this time would do just that."
"I totally disagree," responded Vice Mayor Allan Maris. "We're not serving the developer; we're serving the public by doing this."
Following the meeting, Lieber said he believed a public meeting would hamper an effort to develop open space along the wa-

terfront.
For the same reason, he also opposed a public meeting to discuss ways to acquire land on the waterfront. "I don't want to give away the city's strategy (to the developer)," he said.
Instead the council voted 3-1 to have the city staff work with the East Bay Regional Park District on acquiring land.
Good dissented, saying the staff has other priorities.
In other business, several residents and council members criticized Lieber's effort to move the City Council chambers to the Albany Veterans Memorial Building at Memorial Park.
"I don't think we have the money to do the maintenance and operations or basic level of improvements so anyone can move in there on a regular basis," said parks commissioner Alan Riffer. "So the timing is off. It's very questionable whether the public would support having the council chambers there."
Though they were in favor of

the city acquiring the building, council members and residents said they were concerned that placing the council chamber at the hall would be too expensive and create additional problems.
"Between the foundation and the roof, that building will be very expensive to do anything with," said parks commission chair Geoff Piller.
Lieber said he believed the plan could save \$1 million in tax money on a planned City Hall renovation.
In last year's City Council campaign, Lieber had said a plan to spend \$1 million to expand the police station should be given back to voters for approval. He questioned whether voters wanted the expansion when they approved the \$14.5 million Measure F tax in November 2002.
"I still think it would be wise to save money on this building," Lieber said. "What I said in the election, I still stand by."
Finally, the council, acting as

the city's redevelopment agency, approved a Toyota of Berkeley used car lot between Target and a PetsMart under construction at 1025 Eastshore Highway. A vacant 27,557-square-foot office

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Fees

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ule on June 6, said El Cerrito finance director Mary Dodge.

In a report, Maximus said the city charges less than it could for services overall and is recommending increases in fees equal to \$622,000 annually. According to the report, the finance department loses \$101,000 annually on processing business licenses and parking permits. It costs the department \$104,000 to process those permits but recoups just \$3,000 in fees.

"The fees were set a long time ago and may be a little bit arbitrary," said Potter. "There wasn't the rigor of finding out how much it costs for those services."

Annually, the city is subsidizing the building, planning and engineering departments at a total of \$416,000, according to the Maximus report. It's subsidizing the police and fire departments at a total of \$28,000.

The city is also losing about half the cost of its recreation program. The program costs the city a little over \$3 million annually and it recoups just \$1.5 million in fees.

Recreation director Monica Kortz said it would be very difficult to make up that cost.

A few years ago, elderly residents balked when the senior center began charging between \$3

and \$3.50 a class. The used to be free.

Increase the fees too adult classes, child care, swimming lessons and recreation go elsewhere.

"We can only charge what the market will bear," Kortz said.

Maximus recommended \$77,509 in fee increases for the city's recreation program would decrease the city's from 51 percent to 48 percent the recreation department cost.

Resident Denise Sanchez she wanted the city to do as much as it could for seniors mainly benefit individuals as planning permits. She also like to see the city money into recreation.

"I think it's a defining for them (the council)," she said. "Are they going to have money problems or really going to bite the bullet pass along the charge costs them to deliver it. And I don't know the answer that. I don't know what going to do."

Potter said she believed council would more subsidize programs that the community as a whole as recreation classes. "Looking forward to seeing the recommendations," she said.

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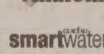
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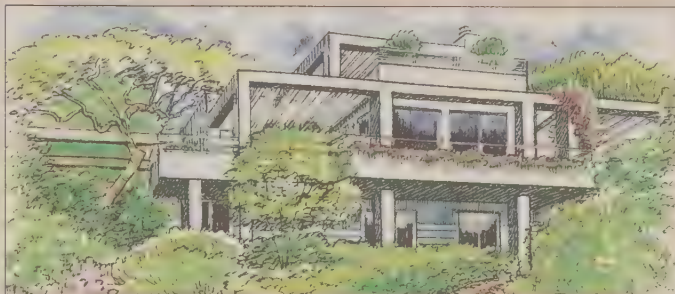
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Inspired the bold look of this contemporary home at 1725 View Drive in Oakland. The home was restored to its original condition after it fell victim to the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire.



DENNIS EVANOSKY

Real Estate Spotlight:

Dramatic home, commanding views



INSPIRED BY NORTHWEST ARCHITECT Arthur Erickson and built in 1985, this impressive, dramatic home at 2887 Buena Vista Way in Berkeley fits snugly into its site. Almost hidden at the entrance on Buena Vista Way, the home's scale can be appreciated from below on Maybeck Twin Drive. From here, one can see the receding levels and terraces that seem to become part of the natural landscape. The terraces, trellises, lush foliage, glass walls, windows and doors allow privacy and extend the living space outdoors, to bathe in the stunning, panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco, Mt. Tamalpais and the San Francisco Bay. Exterior passages with a framed view at the end seemed to be echoed inside. This is a sophisticated, elegant house with remarkable indoor-outdoor quality and tremendous flexibility in the floor plan. The 5,057 square feet of living space includes an open living room, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms, four and one-half bathrooms, a one-bedroom apartment, a media room, an elevator, a double pantry, laundry and utility room. There is also a two-car garage, several off street parking spaces, almost wrap-around decks and a hot tub.

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ABOVE LEFT: THE LIVING ROOM is closest to the hearth and chimney, around which the entire home revolves. Wall-to-ceiling windows offer an unparalleled view of San Francisco Bay and all it has to offer.

ABOVE RIGHT: Terraces, decks and patios surround 1725 Grand View Drive.

BELOW: The home's deck faces San Francisco Bay and offers a breathtaking panorama that sweeps from San Mateo to Marin County.



Home

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One only needs to change the scene from boulders of a raised beach to a barren site in the Oakland hills to see that Jeffers' words would apply equally as well to another couple who built their home when they were young, how long ago.

In 1953, Arthur and Norma Dunlop set out on a quest to find the right property on which to build their home. In 1953, they found the right combination of peace and solitude on a street on a crest of the Claremont hills above what would become Hiller Highlands.

They designed a custom home for the 1.46 acres they purchased. In 1956, they started building. They looked to architect Frank Lloyd Wright for inspiration. "We always admired his work," Arthur said.

The site the Dunlops chose offers views that sweep from northern Marin County to San Mateo.

"On a good day, you can see the

Hoover Tower on the Stanford University campus," Norma said as we stood on the home's patio that stretches along the front of the 2,772-square-foot home.

They pointed out the double Dutch doors that offer access from the patio from the dining room and master bedroom to the patio. Every room has these doors, Arthur explained. Terraces, decks and patios surround the home and open up to the home's 1.46 acres.

The owners themselves designed the home themselves with help from architect Beverly David Thorne.

The home is a split level and one enters by climbing stairs from a sheltered carport. Once inside and down a wood-paneled hallway, one comes upon a cozy living room with stunning ceiling-to-floor windows that look out onto the patio and to a view that beckons you to pause next to the fireplace and drink in a view of what seems like the entire Bay Area.

The fireplace with its concrete chimney is the central point of not

only the living room, but of the entire house.

When the Dunlops designed, the home, they viewed the fireplace and chimney as home's central point. They did not want them to be something that served as a distraction. They designed the home so that every room rotates around and fans out from the fireplace and chimney. This allowed them to turn the home around the chimney as though the chimney were a spindle. The rooms revolve around and fan out from it.

This concept allowed them to design the home with a myriad of angles and offer a different view from each room. There is scarcely an angle in the home at 90 degrees. When asked how many square feet the home had, Arthur quipped that with all those angles "there isn't a square foot in the entire house."

The Dunlops and their magnificent home survived two crises and succumbed — temporarily at least — to a third. In the 1960s, Hiller Highlands began to take shape just below their home. "Hillerville," as

they refer to the development, had a major impact on the area. In September 22, 1970, Ranch Road fire came close to their home.

On October 20, 1991, became among the 5,000 destroyed in the Oakland

When they returned the damage, the Dunlops erred that the flames had hot that it had left no just metal hangers and roof.

When they decided they wanted their home was before the fire.

They faced one plans for the home had victim to the flames.

Beverly David Thorne them in their rebuilding played a bigger role than remembered.

This Dunlops magnificence is now on the home built so long ago was young awaits its and caretakers



VITAL STATISTICS

What: A contemporary hilltop home in Oakland at 1725 Grand View Drive.

Size: Approximately 2,772 square feet set on a 1.46-acre lot.

Bedrooms: Three

Bathrooms: Two full and two half baths

Features: This Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired contemporary home offers commanding views in all directions. The owners built this home in 1956 with help from architect Beverly David Thorne, who also built the home's steel-reinforced reincarnation after its destruction in the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. For the first time, this home offers a rare combination of privacy, architecture, land and view.

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LEFT: DISASTER: The Dunlops return to what's left of their home after the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire.

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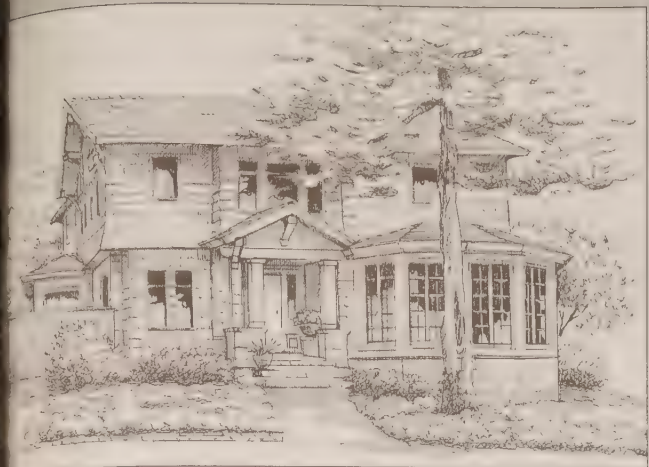
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Real Estate Focus:

Historic Craftsman-style home graces North Berkeley



ARTHUR A. PRATT DESIGNED and built the Hackley-Gwinn house at 2200 Los Angeles St. in 1910. It is one of the first houses in the part of Northbrae then known as Boswell's Ranch. The first floor has wood-paneled living and dining rooms, both with leaded-glass cupboards. The living room has an Inland Empire fireplace and floor-to-ceiling bay windows that look out on a grove of redwood trees planted when the house was built. The home's very special Arts and Crafts study with a massive brick fireplace. Also on the main floor is one bedroom and a full bath. On the second floor is a master bedroom suite with more windows overlooking the trees, two more bedrooms, and a second bath with its original tub. Additions were made in 1923 on a design by Norman Shaw. Margot Hackley-Gwinn owned the home until 2000. She was a graduate of Berkeley schools including Oxford and Cal. A local teacher who loved the natural world, she was fascinated with local places, collected toys and heirlooms and filled the house with them.

Price: \$985,000.

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When it comes to an agent: Choose wisely

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For a number of reasons, whom you choose as your agent can make you or break you. You will, of course, pick someone you feel comfortable talking to, and you'll confirm that he or she has the time and inclination to consider you individually. But, in addition, particularly if you are a buyer in this super-charged market, you will want your representative someone who is able in other ways that you may not have considered.

Agents prefer to work with good agents. Given a choice, that's what they do, and more and more frequently lately, there are several offers presented by several different agents to choose from.

Sometimes, of course, one offer is obviously better than the others, and that is the one that is accepted. But when there are similar offers, the deciding factor can be the reputation of the agent who has

brought it in. If you are the buyer in that case, you may get the house because you chose the best agent.

Fortunately, in our market area, there are quite a number of excellent agents who are known for their "good works". It would be a pleasure to do another deal with you" cooperating agents tell them. To other agents they say, "Agent Best is a joy to work with".

Long before presenting an offer, these agents have been genuinely concerned about their clients. They don't want anyone to get in over his head; they've made sure the buyer is able to afford to buy and is committed to buying the house he is offering on.

Once in contract, these agents do their part. They keep on top of things; their paperwork is organized, and they return phone calls promptly. When a problem does arise, they don't go to pieces leaving the cooperating agent to fix it. Instead, they are calm, flexible and resourceful. They can be depended



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upon to talk and to listen to their clients, advise them on available options, help to find the best solution for everyone.

Other agents want to work with these good agents because they know that their clients have been educated and are being kept informed through the sale. And — bottom line — their sales close.

Sometimes agents know about the reputation of other agents because they've heard stories. Here's a story we heard from an upset listing agent:

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REDWOOD HEIGHTS

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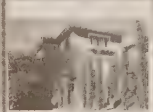
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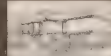


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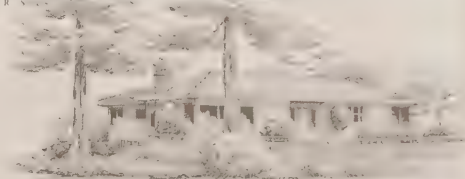
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the buyer's agent) went on just before closing leaving to cover for him. My sellers already signed their papers and were supposed to go to the company the next day. I thought everything was fine and got a voice mail message from the agent that the buyers wanted to renegotiate. I didn't even know what the problem was, and I was hysterical. We waited for the agent to get back home. I was in a situation that was unbearable. Also, unforgettable to me involved and all others heard about it. Imagine the up- the seller. Do you think the agent will ever want to work with that other agent again? Of course not.

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Argument about whether the agent, his client, and his offer are negotiable begins when the offer is presented. There is much more to offer than price, so much more that the highest price doesn't always win. Among other things, an offer covers timing, contingencies, personal property, the buyer's loan, and the division of sale costs.

Any one of these, or several, may be unacceptable to the seller. For example, the buyer's agent taken the time to learn that the buyer must remain in his house at- place of escrow, and if this will not satisfy the buyer, the offer will probably be rejected. The buyer never hear why his offer was rejected.

Some agents routinely arrive at presentations asking for a price offer from the sellers if there is anything that they've overlooked. The agent may say, for instance, that assumes the appliances are included in the sale and he's written them into the contract, then find that the seller is taking the appliances. Or, worse, the buyer's agent says "pretty sure" his buyers can pay for the loan they need but they haven't had time yet to fill out an application.

It's a sloppy business, and the trouble with it is that even if these buyers have offered the highest price many, the offer will probably not be accepted. At the least, a counter offer will have to be issued. Good agents try hard to write an offer that can be signed as it is written because, although writing a counter offer is easy enough, the contract will not be firm until signed by all parties. Until then, someone may have second thoughts and negotiations may occur.

Another difference in agents is their ability to draw a picture of the buyers. Not always, but often, passing of a house to someone is an emotional experience — sometimes very emotional. Many buyers want to know why their house has been chosen, want to know who is going to live there.

We were listing agents for such a long time not long ago. It happened there were three offers. The seller asked the agent representing the highest offer what his buyers had about the house. "I don't know," he said. "It's a nice house," he wanted to offer on that house and the corner but they thought needed too much work." "So, it's the remodeling we did that they like?" asked the sellers. "I don't know," the agent said. "I said it was close to BART."

It's certainly possible that those buyers were head over heels in love with that house. Had they been talking to the sellers, they would have said so. Instead, they relied on their agent to represent their interests. They were passed over because the sellers could never get a clear picture of whom they were selling. They couldn't attach themselves to these people. The sellers accepted less money from another buyer, a buyer whose agent cared enough to sketch her well. Imagine how mystified the first people will be when they learn that the house sold for less money than they were willing to pay.

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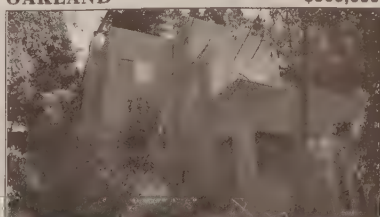
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* New interior paint, dual pane windows, central heat & hardwood floor throughout
* Delightful sun-filled front porch
* Great side back yard with deck and lawn
* Studio/workshop provides a nice bonus
* Close to St. Mary's School, Monterey Market and Solano shops.

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* 4 Units, 3-Building Complex w/ 2.5 & 1.5 BDR
* Situated on the corner of Woodward & Broadway
* University-owned, Excellent for a Business
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erything. Adorable garden. High ceilings. Many beautiful
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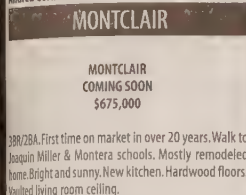
SAN PABLO
4-2 bedroom units. Remodeled kitchen, new paint &
carpet. 4 garages all vacant. Ready for new owner.
Victor Fierro (510) 339-8900



BERKELEY
Du-plex in North Berkeley. New listing. Walk to BART. 2 Bed-
room house with attached tri-level 2+ bedroom apart-
ment. Full basement. Nice rear yard.
Keith Tower (510) 339-8900



OAKLAND
33 GLEN EDEN OPEN SUN 2-4:30 \$699,000
2BR/1.5BA. Terrific home near Piedmont Avenue. Great char-
acter. Darling details. Huge yard. Garage. Large Bonus Room.
Gorgeous. Close to everything!
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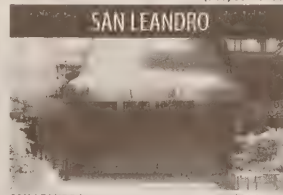
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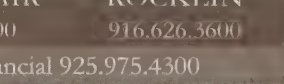
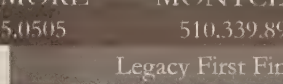
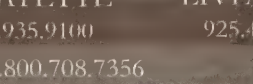
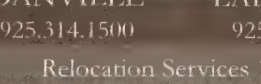
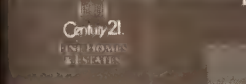
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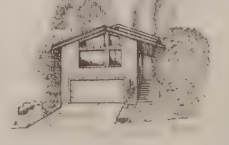


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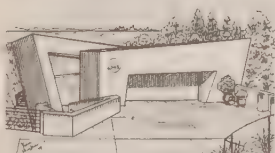
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Montclair Sun 2 - 4
6343 Skyline \$1,950,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Open flr plan, gran cnts, soaring ceilings, slate floors 3 Lvl w/ bay views.
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Oakland \$1,650,000
6601 Elvertor Dr Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Custom Mediterranean w/ Big Bay views, gourmet kit, mstr bath to die 4, great location!
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6267 Ruthland Rd Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Fabulous Contemporary with Gourmet kitchen, big S.F. Bay views new construction.
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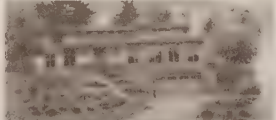
Berkeley \$1,350,000
2156 Ward St. Sun 2 - 5
5 BR 4 BA Lovingly restored Victorian. Gabled roof, signature tower, bay wndws, remod kit, 2 frplcs.
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Montclair \$1,295,000
5525 Balboa Drive Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Mediterranean with S.F. views. Fabulous master suite, wonderful. Family room off kitchen.
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Berkeley Hills \$1,175,000
2877 Shasta Rd Sun 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Quality! Newly renovated, FDR, FR, EIK, HDWD floors, Tranquil & Sophisticated!
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Redwood Heights \$1,075,000
3052 Guido Sun 1 - 5
4 BR 2.5 BA Stunning & dramatic new craftsman contemporary w/ views! Fab kitchen w/ family room. Wow!
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Rockridge \$995,000
5801 Ross Street Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious storybook style home overflowing with original old world charm. Light & bright!
Terry Kulka & Bonnie Ross
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Berkeley \$980,000 ea.
1401-3 Milvia St Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 3.5 BA 2 Elegant brand new townhouses in grt loc. Qual blt, fine fin. Chef's kit. Some bay views.
Cheryl Cahn
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OPEN HOUSES



Montclair \$925,000
1524 Fernwood Drive Sun 2 - 4:30
Creekside setting w/ lvl yd. 3+4, fml dr, rumpus, 2 fireplaces. Remodeled kitchen.
Darcy Diamantine & Karen Lum
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Berkeley \$850,000
1215 Henry St. Sun 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Great area. New kit. Open LR/DR/FR lead to lvl yard w sep off & wrkshp. Laun rm & det gar.
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Piedmont Pines \$849,000
6480 Ascot Drive Sun 2 - 4:30
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6112 Ascot Drive Sun 2 - 4:30
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Berkeley \$815,000
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Woodminster \$769,000
3250 Crane Way Sun 2 - 5
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OPEN HOUSES

Piedmont Side of Montclair \$750,000
5926 Johnston Drive Sun 2 - 5
4 BR 2 BA 6 fruit trees & view of the hills compliment this large home. Fam rm, home office & more.
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Lafayette \$699,000
1028 Carol Ln Sun 1 - 5
3 BR 1 BA Great Lafayette value! Hdwd flrs, Skylight & Wood burning Frpl. Accent the style! Alt Gar.
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Montclair \$699,000
5747 Grisborne Avenue Sat/Sun 1 - 5
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Lake Merritt \$695,000
647 Hillsborough Street Sun 2 - 4:30
Charming duplex w/ 2-story, 2BDRM/ 1BA units. HDWD FLRS, eat-in kitchens, garden, garages.
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Oakland \$649,500
1015 M L King Jr Way Sun 1 - 4
4 BR 2 BA Large and elegant duplex in the Preservation Park area of Oakland.
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Oakmore \$649,000
1866 Tiffin Road Sun 1 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Traditional flr plan; Updated kit; Hdwd flrs thru out, lvl yd from kit & DR, 2 car garage.
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El Cerrito \$589,000
5840 Ray Ave Sun 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Sunny, spacious home in the hills on quiet one-block street. Plus rooms, yard, near parks.
Holly Rose
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Laurel \$529,000
3268 California Street Sun 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Oh so Pretty Med. style w/ grt light, hdwds, fp & updated kit level-out to great level yd!
Rachel Baller
510.339.4700

Oakland \$499,000
6042 Leona Street Sun 1 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Sweet Home on Large wooded lot hdwds, built-ins, spacious kit fireplace & patio, Charming!
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Diamond \$499,000
2429 Damuth Street Sun 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Spacious starter in Diamond. 3+bedrooms 2 fireplaces. This home has lots of potential.
Kelley Nayo-Cliett
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OPEN HOUSES

Oakland \$475,000
6800 Arthur St Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1.5 BA Charming & Spacious craftsman style bungalow w/ big basement. Deck off mstr bd. Update.
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Oakland \$459,000
2880 55th Avenue Sun 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Bungalow; a gracious flr plan, updated kit w/ French doors opens to a sunny deck & garden.
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4808 Congress Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
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Richmond \$419,000
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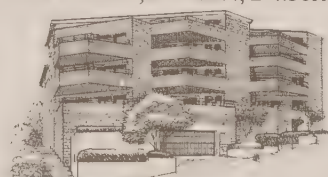
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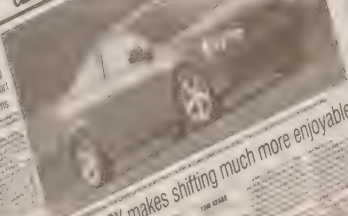
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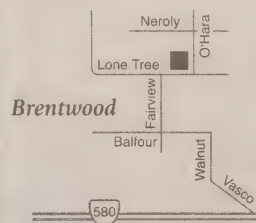


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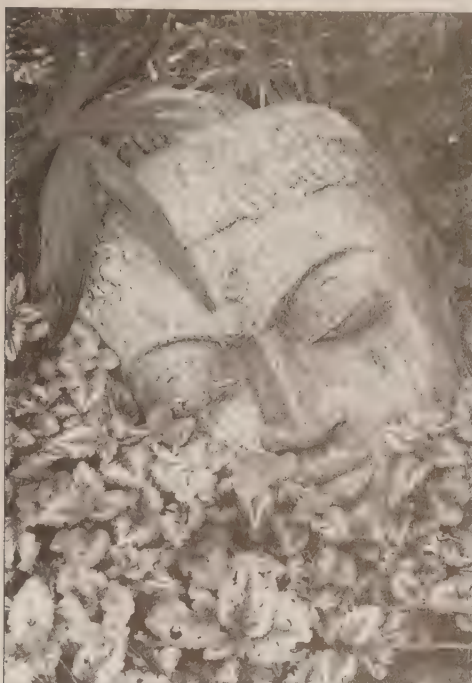
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chosen this year include a Hawaiian paradise, a fairy tale woodland glen, a Mayan-themed hideaway and an outdoor modern art installation displayed among rare specimen plants.

As they tour these striking outdoor spaces, visitors will be able to meet and talk with many of the noted designers who created this year's featured gardens.

The artists include Shirley Watts, Hugo Larman, Tom Nelson and Randy Bolin, as well as talented designers from Feverband and Madden, Goodman Landscaping Design, Enchanting Planting and Planet Horticulture, among others.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a collectible catalog with detailed descriptions of each garden, a map, and directions for the self-guided tour.

Ticketed visitors will also be admitted to lectures by garden design experts, held at lunch time on the beautifully landscaped grounds of Park Day School. Gourmet box lunches are available and must be pre-ordered for \$10 each.

The school will also host a marketplace, offering rare plants, fine foods, garden-related wares and the opportunity, once again, to visit with professional garden designers. The tour takes place rain or shine Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

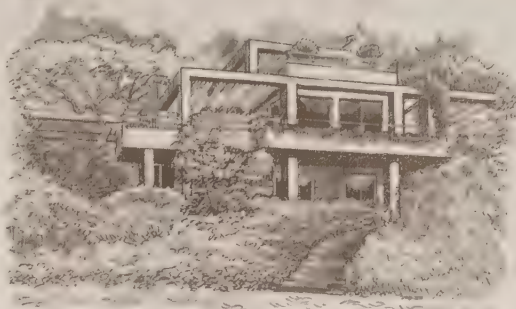
Proceeds from the tour and the marketplace are critical to the scholarship and academic programs of

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For more information, and to purchase tickets, call 510-653-0317 ext. 103 or visit www.SecretGardenTour.org.

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New Listing



2887 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley

On a magnificent site, in a coveted neighborhood, with frontage on 2 wonderful streets, sits this large, sophisticated house built in 1985. Like the surrounding houses of many noteworthy architects, it has an intimate relationship with nature as well as spectacular S.F. Bay views. The receding levels of terraces, trellises, lush foliage, glass walls, windows & doors allow for great privacy and extend the living space outdoors. There is tremendous flexibility in the floor plan, which includes an open living room, dining room, kitchen, double pantry, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, an office/media room, a 1 bedroom apartment & 2 car garage. Minutes to Chez Panisse, U.C.B. & Tilden Park.

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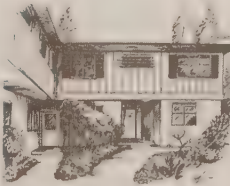
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108 Forest Lane, Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New listing! 2 expansive decks & 4 sets of westward facing glass doors emphasize the spectacular panoramic Bay views. Sumptuous finishes include: warm Venetian plaster walls, natural stone tiles, skylights and more. Pleasant open floor plan begins with a formal entry. Most rooms enjoy views. Built in 1989, this home benefits from modern construction techniques.

Bill and Tracy 524-9888 x33 \$765,000



2822 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! Light-filled, spacious, beautiful 3-bdrm, 2-bath corner unit in custom-built, 4-unit complex in the heart of the best of Elmwood! Enjoy 1-level living in your private home w/hwd floors, master bdrm suite, formal dining rm, brick frpl & a sunroom. Tons of storage. "Really feels like a home."

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Darling 1941 bungalow in most neighborly location. Sweet and ready to move into, this 2-bdrm, 1 bath features hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, eat-in kitchen and great deck w/ nice yard. Minutes to El Cerrito Plaza, BART, public transit & the amenities of Fairmount and Solano Avenues.

Warren Lei 524-9888 x14 \$449,000



984 King Drive, El Cerrito

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

This spacious home features a park-like backyard. The sunny living room with Bay views leads to the family room. The dining room opens to the yard. The kitchen has an eating space. There are two bedrooms and one bath on the main level. Split level up to the master bedroom and bath. Huge workshop/laundry opens to the yard.

Jane Allen 524-9888 x23 \$625,000



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Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

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Mary Lou Allen 524-9888 x53 \$525,000



885 Athens Ave., Oakland

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New listing! Beautifully restored 2-story charmer in emerging West Oakland artists' enclave. Living room with built-ins. Original fixtures, creative tile, hwd floors. Upgrades, move-in condition. 3+bedrms, 1.5 baths. Full basement/workshop, 2-car garage. Lush garden. Easy access to S.F. BART.

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How to diversify concentrated equity positions

In the course of accumulating various investments, sometimes investors find themselves with a significant portion of their wealth in stocks. In fact, you may find yourself in a situation where you have too much invested in just one stock. While there are a number of different ways this can happen — such as putting money in your own company's stock — you will probably want to find a way to manage these large concentrations of stock so as to keep a good balance in your overall investment mix. Fortunately, there are several alternatives you can utilize to make effective use of your concentrated equity position.

If one particular security makes up a sizeable portion of your portfolio, one of your first concerns should be diversification, which can help you reduce your overall risk. One solution may be to simply sell some of your shares. Then you can take the proceeds and reposition them to fit your changing needs. Selling over a period of time will allow you several opportunities. You can spread your gain, and therefore reduce tax liability, over time — in some cases even several tax years. Reinvesting in other types of securities will immediately diversify your portfolio, assuming you choose investments that are substantially different from your current holdings. This strategy also lets you retain control of your financial situation, because you can start or stop the program if necessary, or adjust your investment selections as appropriate. Just remember that if you sell your shares over time, the sale price will likely vary, and this will require careful record keeping and tax planning. You also need to be prepared for the amount of time necessary to liquidate your shares, which could be a number of years.

Another alternative to handle a concentrated position involves estate planning and charitable considerations. These strategies help you achieve philanthropic goals, while at the same time reducing overall income and estate tax liabilities. Using charitable giving strategies, you can receive a current income tax deduction and a continuing income stream for yourself or your heirs. You may also find ways to avoid paying capital gains tax on appreciated assets.

Again with charitable giving, some of the simplest methods can provide the greatest benefits. One thing you should consider is making your annual charitable gifts or bequests with appreciated securities

instead of cash. This allows you to conserve your cash while at the same time avoiding the taxable capital gains you would create by selling the appreciated assets.

Another idea for giving is something known as a charitable remainder trust. It is a little more complicated, but in basic terms it allows you to donate assets to charity and retain an income interest from the donated assets. It also entitles you to a current income tax deduction. Here is how it works:

First, you transfer low-cost-basis stock into the trust. Then the trustee (usually a professional trust company) repositions the assets to provide you or your beneficiaries with current income, either for your lifetime or for a specified number of years. Because the sale of the stock occurs under the charitable trust umbrella, you incur no capital gains tax liability when the stock is sold. When you die, the remainder of your trust goes to charity — hence the name.

Charitable remainder trusts are just one of several ways you can use your concentrated equity positions



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to make a donation to a worthy cause. And regardless of whether you decide to do something charitable with those positions, you should certainly look into all the options you have to divide any large concentrated positions. For more details on how you can make these investments work for you, check with your tax advisor and financial consultant.

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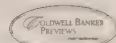
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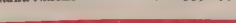
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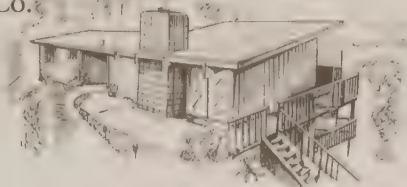
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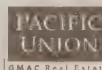
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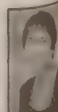
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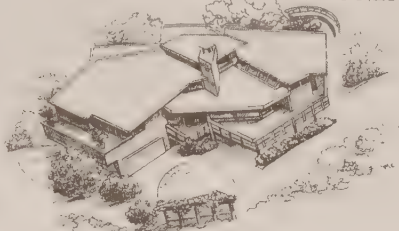


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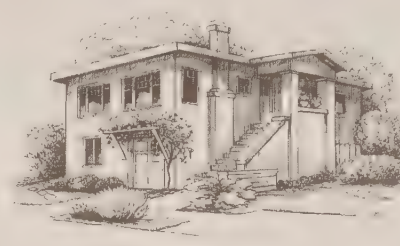
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,699,000
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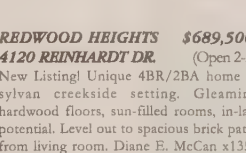
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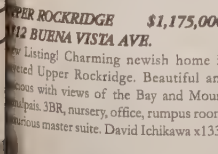


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4120 REINHARDT DR. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Unique 4BR/2BA home in sylvan creekside setting. Gleaming hardwood floors, sun-filled rooms, in-law potential. Level out to spacious brick patio from living room. Diane E. McCan x1352



TEMESCAL \$535,000
391 45TH ST
New Listing! Bright and cheery 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with hardwood floors, formal dining room with built-ins and natural wood trim. Eat-in kitchen out to deck and yard. Lee Jacobson x1309

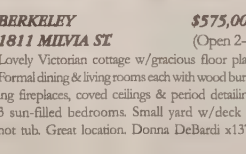
HEALDSBURG \$485,000
301 ORANGEWOOD DR. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! 2 bedroom, two bath home in Senior Community. Community amenities include: pool, tennis court, picnic area, greenbelt & private gate to Russian River. The home has many upgrades. Nancy Hoover x1375



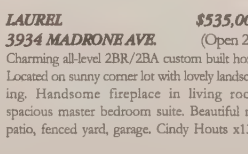
UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,175,000
512 BUENA VISTA AVE.
New Listing! Charming newish home in coveted Upper Rockridge. Beautiful and spacious with views of the Bay and Mount Diablo. 3BR, nursery, office, rumpus room, luxurious master suite. David Ichikawa x1331



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$729,000
227 MONTE VISTA AVE.
Charming 2-story craftsman with many original details intact. Updated kitchen, formal dining room with fireplace, spacious living room, family room. Level yard and deck. 3+BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



BERKELEY \$575,000
1811 MILVIA ST (Open 2-4)
Lovely Victorian cottage w/gracious floor plan. Formal dining & living rooms each with wood burning fireplaces, coved ceilings & period detailing. 3 sun-filled bedrooms. Small yard w/deck & hot tub. Great location. Donna DeBardi x1374



LAUREL \$535,000
3934 MADRONE AVE. (Open 2-5)
Charming all-level 2BR/2BA custom built home. Located on sunny corner lot with lovely landscaping. Handsome fireplace in living room, spacious master bedroom suite. Beautiful rear patio, fenced yard, garage. Cindy Houts x1364

PIEDMONT AVENUE \$459,000
525 MONTE VISTA AVE. #9
New Listing! Fabulous 2BR/2BA corner unit. Magnificent views of the Rose Garden and Oakland Hills. Other features include wood floors, balcony, parking, washer & dryer. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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PIEDMONT \$3,450,000
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PIEDMONT \$1,395,000
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OAKLAND \$610,000
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,495,000
Absolutely gorgeous 1924 classic renovated in 2003. 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths, library, lovely formal rooms leveling out to slate patios and loggia. Magnificent mature landscaped park-like yard. Dee Knowland x1318

MONTCLAIR LOT \$249,000
Great development potential. Very buildable with moderate grade on northwest side of parcel. Soils report available upon request. Peaceful vistas across Shepherd Canyon. Approximately 6,648 square feet. David Ichikawa x1331

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OAKLAND - NEW! \$489,000
2/1 - Idora Park, split-level, Spanish-Mediterranean with cathedral ceilings, covered patio, sunny kitchen with breakfast nook. Close to Temescal, Rockridge & Telegraph shops & more. 5607 Carberry Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$849,000
3+1 - Traditional Craftsman home with lots of built-ins, stained glass windows, remodeled kitchen, 2-car garage, hot tub. Near College Avenue shops, restaurants and conveniences. 352 Glendale Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$589,000
2/2 - Lovely, light-filled home in move-in condition. Near Monterey Market, Lalime's, BART & Solano Avenue. Newer kitchen, roof, foundation. More at www.izumitada.com. 1407 Gilman Street Open 2-4:30



ALBANY - NEW! \$899,000
4/3 - Contractor-built home in secluded setting, located on a cul-de-sac overlooking San Francisco Bay. Master suite with walk-in closet, stone fireplace, two full length decks, more. 796 Hillside Avenue Open 1:30-4



OAKLAND \$469,000
2+2 - Charming, sun-drenched, split-level bungalow on glorious gardener's lot in trendy Millsmont. Inlaid hardwood floors, built-ins, more. 6328 Outlook Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$525,000
4/3 - Beautiful bungalow with Craftsman details, updated kitchen, updated bathrooms, new exterior paint, move-in condition. 2961 California Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$495,000
2/1 - Workers cottage with hardwood floors & detached artist studio. Bright eat-in kitchen, large sunny deck, more at www.redoakrealty.com. 2440 Acton Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$415,000
2/1 - Rare top floor, corner unit in small brown shingle building. Clean with upgrades, private deck, 9' ceilings, laundry. Near BART. 1708 Lexington Ave. #10 Open 1:30-4



OAKLAND \$319,000
2/1 - Cute starter on nice street with long-term neighbors. Lovely fireplace and built-ins. Fenced yard with fruit trees. 1955 64th Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$419,000
2/1 - Panoramic views, open kitchen/living room. Newer carpets. Elevator & secure parking. Close to campus. More at www.justsellmyhouse.com. 2 Panoramic Way #206 Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$485,000
2/1 - Sweet bungalow with many original details and great yard with trees. Photos & more at www.katieandmark.com. 1611 Ward Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$585,000
2/1 - Charming home with spacious rooms, hardwood floors, attached garage and large yard with hillside views. Only blocks to Plaza. 716 Norvell Street Open 2-5



OAKLAND \$599,000
LOFT - 2,400 square foot loft with expansive mezzanine and roll-up door in historic warehouse conversion. Cook's kitchen, spacious bath, more at www.saragarabedian.com. 730 29th Street #118 Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$259,000
1/1 - Sunny condo on 2nd floor in West Berkeley neo-Victorian style building. Newly painted, new granite countertops in kitchen, dishwasher, bamboo hardwood floors, more! 933 Addison Street #D Open 2-4



PACHECO \$475,000
3/2 - Sunny and spacious home on a good-sized lot in a lovely neighborhood. Comfortable layout, fireplace in living room, detached garage and large front yard. 211 Carolos Drive Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO \$549,000
2/1 - Spacious and stylish with vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, full basement/workshop, large garden/patio. Great location. Photos at www.BobBlumberg.com. 6511 Knott Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$379,000
2+1 - Up & coming West Oakland, near Emeryville border. Beautifully renovated Victorian, lovely landscaped yard. 3129 Market Street Open 2-4

[april 24th]

Remodeling can give homeowners a big advantage

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Each year, Americans spend hundreds of billions of dollars on remodeling projects, according to the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies. When it comes to spending hard-earned money on remodeling, many homeowners are faced with a dilemma: How do we prioritize?

According to the Bay East Association of Realtors, the results of a new survey show that remodeling can bring great benefits to homeowners — whether they decide to remain in their current home or put their home on the market. The "2004 Cost vs. Value Report," published by the National Association of Realtors' Re-

altor Magazine in conjunction with Remodeling magazine, aims to provide the estimated value of various remodeling projects under current market conditions. The report looks at 18 typical home remodeling projects in 53 different U.S. markets. The value figures are the result of a survey conducted among Realtors in each of the markets.

"Homeowners who have been in their house for a few years will inevitably target certain areas for remodeling," said Michael Tessaro, 2005 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

"Not only should they consider the effect their choice will have on their current quality of life in the

house, but also how the remodel may affect the value of their home when it's time to sell."

Trying to decide whether to invest in a new roof instead of finishing the basement, or adding an outdoor deck instead of replacing the carpet, may leave many homeowners perplexed. There are also multiple levels of remodeling to be contemplated — a simple cabinet refacing rather than a total kitchen over-

haul, for example. Homeowners would do well to consult with a Realtor, who knows the value certain home features bring in the current local market.

"The Realtor is the home seller's best source for answering questions about the effect of remodeling on individual home value," explains Tessaro. "Realtors know whether newer windows are customary for your neighborhood or a real selling point, or

whether people buying in your area really value a finished basement or consider it simply nice to have."

According to the report, homeowners can expect to recoup a percentage of their investment over time for common remodeling projects. The following are national average returns; more accurate returns vary by geographic location:

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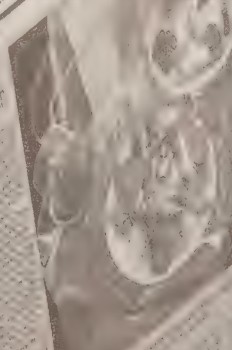


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Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



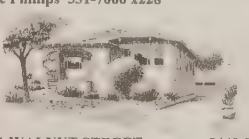
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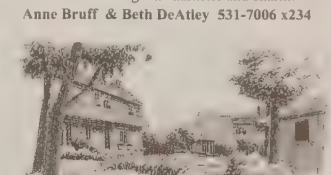
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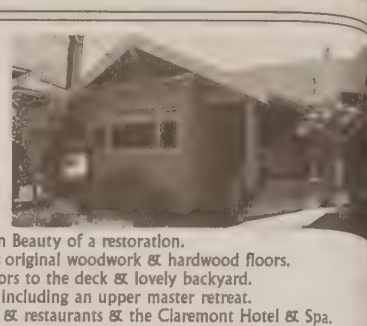


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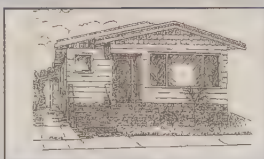
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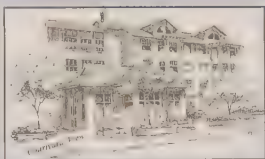
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Remodel

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- Minor kitchen remodel: 92.9 percent
 - Siding replacement: 92.8 percent
 - Bathroom remodel (midrange): 90.1 percent
 - Deck addition: 86.7 percent
 - Roofing replacement: 80.8 percent
 - Basement remodel: 76.1 percent
- "Careful consideration of remodeling options will ultimately give homeowners distinct benefits through their own enjoyment of the new addition or in the equity reaped when the home is sold," adds Tessaro. "A Realtor has the expertise to help navigate through that process."

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\$375,000	3706 Brookdale Ave.	2+BD/1BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4
		510-769-1845	Kane & Assoc.
		Rosemary McNally	
\$385,000	617 C Willow St.	1+BD/1BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 South Shore
		510-522-7173	Harbor Bay Realty
		Bev & George Williams	
\$399,000	950 Shorepoint Ct. Unit #118	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4:30
		510-339-4700	Coldwell Banker
		Dan Joy	
\$465,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. 477	2BD/1.5BA	Sun 2-4 South Shore
		510-814-4863	Harbor Bay Realty
		Tisa Beene	
\$479,500	540 Taylor Avenue	2BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 West End
		510-814-4800/4888	Harbor Bay Realty
		Janet Iverson/Steve Sorensen	
\$512,000	1615 Lea Court	1BD/1BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4
		510-865-2800	Kane & Assoc.
		Lisa Lawley	
\$529,000	433 Haight Avenue	2BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 1-4 West End
		510-814-4826	Harbor Bay Realty
		DonnaLuci Williams	
\$555,000	3022 Flora Vista	4BD/2.5BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4
		510-865-7239	Kane & Assoc.
		Kath Ratto	
\$559,950	3506 Savana Lane	4BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island
		510-814-4881	Harbor Bay Realty
		Jena Ng	
\$635,000	913 Independence Dr.	2BD/2BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 Marina Village
		510-814-4864	Harbor Bay Realty
		Janice Payne	
\$639,000	2800 Marina Drive	2+BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 Fernside
		510-814-4874/4713	Harbor Bay Realty
		Mark Playsted/Russ Grant	
\$649,000	1144 Post Street	3BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4:30 East End
		510-814-4813	Harbor Bay Realty
		Kim Richard	
\$675,000	1020 Pacific Ave	3BD/1+1/2BA	Open Sun 2-5
		510-504-2768	Better Homes Realty
		Thomas Allen	
\$688,000	1517-19 Willow	Duplex	Open Sun 2-4
		510-521-5475/523-2314	Kane & Assoc.
		Hanna Fry/Sally Rudloff	
\$699,000	13 Bordwell Ct.	3BD/2.5BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle
		510-814-4824	Harbor Bay Realty
		Darin Vinali	
\$749,000	2142 Santa Clara Ave.	4BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 1-4
		510-755-4003	Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes
		John Chang	
\$749,900	153 Cumberland Way	2BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle
		510-814-4869/4839	Harbor Bay Realty
		Catherine Bierwith/Will Douglas	
\$775,000	986 Park Street	3BA/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4
		510-814-4871	Harbor Bay Realty
		Denise Garvine	
\$798,000	1026 Otis Drive	3BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 Central
		510-522-9600/814-4836	Harbor Bay Realty
		Izabella Lipetski/Nina Quan	

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\$875,000	2865 Santa Clara Avenue	4BD/2BA	Sat/Sun 2-4 East End
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		Dania Alvarez-Morroni	
\$888,000	976 & 978 Park St.	2 homes/1 lot	Open Sun 2-4:30
		510-828-3118	Kane & Associates
		Kathie & Patrick Ng	
\$929,000	262 Ratto Rd.	3BD/2.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle
		510-814-4859/4870	Harbor Bay Realty
		Karen Wellman/Pat Koutoulakis	
\$929,000	2953 Marina Drive	3BD/1.5BA	Sat & Sun 2-4 Fernside
		510-814-4823	Harbor Bay Realty
		Nancy Brandt	
\$950,000	1012 Walnut Street	4 units	Open Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-339-8900	Century 21 Heritage
		Andrea Gordon	
\$950,000	1549 Bay Street	Duplex	Open Sun 2-4
		510-523-9300/919-9233	Realty World Martino Associates
		Carol Martino	
\$979,000	2933 Marina Drive	3BD/2BA	Open Sat & Sun 2-4
		510-865-8688	Kane & Assoc.
		Marilyn Oliver	
\$989,000	236 Ratto Rd.	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty
		510-814-4887	Harbor Bay Realty
		Alex Mak	
\$1,170,000	1719 San Jose Ave.	4BD/2.5BA	Sat/Sun 2-5 Gold Coast
		510-814-4815	Harbor Bay Realty
		Nancy Gordon	
\$	1087 Melrose Ave.	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4
		510-910-1443	Kane & Assoc.
		Uli LiRossi	
Albany			
\$449,000	816 Evelyn Ave	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 1-4pm
		510-527-2700x28	Marvin Gardens
		Diane Mintz	
\$525,000	613 Carmel	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-524-9888x33	Berkeley Hills Realty
		Mary Lou Allen	
\$525,000	711 Buchanan	2+BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-869-2638	Solano
		Camille	
\$549,000	1048 Ventura Ave.	3bd/2ba	Open Sun. 2-4
		415-218-6014	Nakamura Realty
		Jacq	
\$560,000	953 Kalns	3BD/2BA	Sat 2-4; Sun 2-5
		510-919-1712	Prudential
		Kathleen Wilson	
\$899,000	796 Hillside Ave	4BD/3BA	Sun 1:30-4pm
		510-280-2145	Red Oak Realty
		Virginia Jones	
\$899,000	999 Neilson St	3BD/	Open Sun 2-4pm
		510-381-3232	Marvin Gardens
		Alexis Greenberg	
Berkeley			
\$259,000	933 Addison St #D	1BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2115	Red Oak Realty
		Stan Montchev	
\$355,000	2205 Derby St	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-848-1950x240	Thornwall Properties
		Colleen	
\$419,000	2 Panoramic Way #104	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30
		510-912-1011	Nakamura Realty
		Serena	

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\$419,000	2 Panoramic Way #206	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2140	Red Oak Realty
		Barbara Hendrickson	
\$485,000	1611 Ward St	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2149	Red Oak Realty
		Mark Lederer	
\$495,000	2440 Acton St	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2126	Red Oak Realty
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\$495,000	2759 Park St.	2bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4
		510-868-1404	Prudential
		Phina Christenbury	
\$525,000	2961 California St	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2181	Red Oak Realty
		Gerry Floor	
\$575,000	1811 Milvia	3BD/1.5BA	Sun 2-4
		510-338-1374	Pacific Union GMAC
		Donna DeBardi	
\$589,000	1407 Gilman St	2BD/2BA	Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-280-2153	Red Oak Realty
		Izumi Tada	
\$598,000	1380 Henry St	2BD/1.5BA	Sun 2-5pm
		510-845-0211	Prudential
		Nancy	
\$619,000	1488 Keoncrest Drive	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
		510-339-0400	The Grubb Co.
		Chris Cohn	
\$625,000	2822 Piedmont Ave	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-524-9888x35	Berkeley Hills Realty
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\$649,000	2178 Oregon St	3BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-849-9900	Elmwood
		Tory Finn	
\$695,000	2320 7th St	3+BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-468-1950x212	Thornwall Properties
		Mary Canavan	
\$749,000	766 Vincente Ave	4BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-527-9111	Marvin Gardens
		Todd & Ron	
\$750,000	3109 King	4-plex	Sat & Sun 2-5pm
		510-868-1540	Prudential
		Eric Wong	
\$765,000	108 Forest Ave	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-524-9888x33	Berkeley Hills Realty
		Bill & Tracy	
\$815,000	1618 Fairview St Unit 6	-BD/-BA	Sun 2-4:30
		510-339-4700	Coldwell Banker
		Victor Ratto	
\$985,000	2200 Los Angeles	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-207-2968	Thornwall Properties
		Helen & Kathryn	
\$995,000	2436 Russell St	4BD/3.5BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-849-9900	Elmwood
		Denise Demuth	
\$1,175,000	2877 Shasta Rd.	4BD/3BA	Sun 2-4
		510-339-4700	Coldwell Banker
		Terry Anthony	
\$1,395,000	160 Alvarado Road	4BD/3+BA	Sun 1-5pm
		510-376-7440	Pacific Union R.E.
		Julie Nachwey	
\$1,475,000	683 Santa Barbara Road	-BD/-BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
		510-339-0400	The Grubb Co.
		Tricia Swift	
\$1,495,000	880 Grizzly Peak	4BD/3.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30
		510-652-2133	The Grubb Co.
		Bebe McRae	
\$1,499,000	1112 Ward St.	3bd/1ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30
		510-339-9290	Prudential
		Ed Marshall	
\$1,850,000	7112 Marlborough Terrace	3bd/3.5ba	Open Sun. 2-4:30
		510-339-9290	Prudential
		Heidi Marchessotti	
El Cerrito			
\$415,000	1708 Lexington Ave #10	2BD/1BA	Sun 1:30-4pm
		510-280-2167	Red Oak Realty
		Passion Broussard	
\$449,900	1601 Liberty St	3BD/2.5BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-237-0372	Coldwell Banker Bartels
		Franca Talferico	
\$539,950	511 Ashbury	3BD/1BA	Sat 2-4 & Sun 2-5
		510-528-4520	Keller Williams Realty
		Rayne Palmer	
\$549,000	6511 Knott Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-280-2104	Red Oak Realty
		Tom Cone	
\$569,000	7609 Errol	2+BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-5pm
		510-428-0900	Prudential
		Kate Tanaka	

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\$585,000	716 Norvell Ave	2BD/1BA	Sun 2-5pm
		510-292-2038	Red Oak Realty
		Carrie McAllister	
\$599,000	5421 Hillside	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-662-8558	Mira Vista
		carladelazoppa.com	
\$599,000	6730 Glen Mawr Ave	3+BD/3BA	Open Sun 2-4pm
		510-524-0800	Marvin Gardens
		Gloria Polanski	
\$625,000	984 King Dr	3BD/2BA	Sun 2-4pm
		510-524-9888	Berkeley Hills Realty
		Maya Trilling	
\$675,000	2224 Scenic St	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 1-4pm
		510-566-3282	Coldwell Banker Bartels
		Ning Jiang	
\$699,000	1723 Julian Ct	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-5pm
		510-428-0900	Prudential
		Gina Chrys	
Emeryville			
\$259,000	4 Commodore #D423	1bd/1ba	Open Sun. 1-5
		510-868-1400	Prudential
		Jake McGuire	
\$419,000	1500 Park Ave #120	1BD/1BA	Sun 2-4:30pm
		510-339-9290	Prudential
		Tami Bobb	
\$449,000	4053 Harlan St #314	1BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-5pm
		510-326-5800	RE/MAX
		Bill Grisman	
Fremont			
\$265,000	3909 Stevenson Blvd., #703	1BD/1BA	Sat/Sun 2-4
		510-814-4897	Harbor Bay Realty
		Nancy Mach	
Hercules			
\$327,500	197 Glenwood	2BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4pm
		510-527-9111	Marvin Gardens
		Barbara Kaplan	
\$730,000	112 Camden Lane	4BD/2.5BA	Sat 1-4pm
		510-821-1585	Coventry
		Susan Perry	
Lafayette			
\$699,000	1028 Carol Lane	3BD/1BA	Sun 1-5
		510-339-4700	Coldwell Banker
		George Karsant	
\$1,495,000	3266 Elvia Street	5BD/3.5BA	Open Sat & Sun 1-4
		510-899-8000	Alain Pinel Realtors
		Peter Hattersley	
\$3,599,000	4079 Happy Valley Rd.	6BD/3BA	Sat & Sun 1-4
		925-253-4601/510-547-1615	Coldwell Banker
		Jerilyn Babington	
Oakland			
\$229,000	551 Jean Street, Unit 627	2BD/2BA	Sun 1:30-4pm
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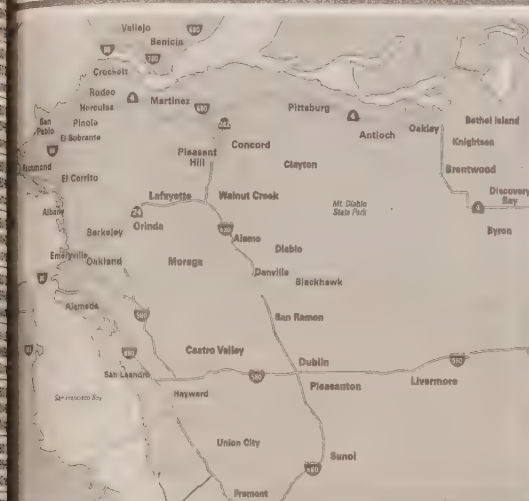
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\$950,000 3212 Maple Ave. -8D/-BA Open Sun 2-4:30 DUPLEX 510-339-1303 Pacific Union GMAC Wendy Gardner-Ferrari	\$689,500 4120 Reinhardt 4BD/2BA Sun 2-5 Redwood Heights 510-338-1352 Pacific Union GMAC Diane E. McCan
\$950,000 5733 Fleming Ave 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30pm 510-527-2700x34 Marin Gardens Kathy Berg	\$699,000 33 Glen Eden 2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30pm 510-421-6818 Century 21 Heritage Andrea Gordon
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\$950,000 3934 Madrone 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1352/1364 Pacific Union GMAC Diane E. McCan/Cindy Houts	\$699,000 800 McKinley Ave 3+BD/2+BA Sun 2-5pm Haddon Hill 510-428-0900 Prudential Scott Thompson
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\$950,000 1230 Mountain Blvd. 2bd/1ba Open Sun 1-5 510-339-9290 Prudential Gene Boomer	\$789,000 344 Alcatraz Avenue 3BD/1.25BA Open Sun 1-4:30 Rockridge 510-547-5970 x57 Lawton Associates Mary Smartt
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\$950,000 1866 Tiffin Road 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-5 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker Nancy Maloney	\$825,000 750 Mountain Blvd. 2BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Caldwell Banker Dian Hymer
\$950,000 33 Merriewood Cir 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30pm 510-339-4000 Montclair Better Homes Lila Owens	\$849,000 1029 Sunnyhills Road 2+BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Crocker Highlands 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Tricia Swift
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\$869,000 6055 Wood Dr. 3BD/3BA Open Sat & Sun 1-4 Montclair 510-332-3921 Century 21 Heritage Azzarello/Blogg	\$1,295,000 7038 Broadway Terrace 4BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 531-7006 x272 Wells & Bennett Realtors Elisa Uribe
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\$1,095,000 5712 Grand View Dr. 3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills 510-338-1366 Pacific Union GMAC Joanna Hirsch	Pacheco
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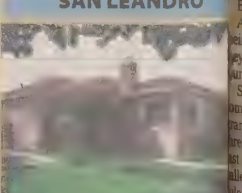
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Section C

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Encinal's English seeing better results

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

JOHN SAUNDERS HAS spent the past 16 seasons building a winning tradition as Encinal High School baseball coach.

It's a legacy that includes more than 100 wins, North Coast Section titles in 1995, 1996 and 2001, two current major-league players and numerous others at the college and minor-league level.

But if Saunders ever gets out of the diamond, he could have a future in the field of opportunity.

At the request of Saunders, Dexter English, the Jets' starting center fielder for the past two seasons, paid a visit to a sports doctor about two months ago.

"I had no idea," said English, "but his need for improved vision." (Coach Saunders) asked me to read a sign on the wall. I couldn't do it. So I went to get checked out and two weeks later I could read that perfectly."

Saunders' hunch paid off as English now sports a pair of contacts.

The improved vision is also paying dividends for English. In two of three games last week, English went 5-for-8 with two doubles, three RBI and a run homer.

"I am seeing the ball real well," said English, who has spent all four years on varsity, "starting to catch the spin on the breaking ball real well. The contacts are starting to feel real handy."

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ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Panthers coming on strong

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

IT'S A FIRST GLANCE, the St. Mary's High School softball team's 4-3 win in the Bay Shore Athletic League doesn't seem very impressive.

But take a closer look. After the Panthers dropped their first three league games, they entered the week with a straight BSAL victory. Sure, the last two wins have been against struggling opponents, including a 17-0 win in four innings over Holy Names on Friday. The game was won because of the 15-run

Monday, St. Mary's defeated St. Joseph 23-0 in four innings.

However, the first two wins were against two of the better teams in the league.

It started on April 11 when St. Mary's pounded Piedmont 14-0, an avenged an earlier loss in which the Panthers fell to the Highlanders in the season opener.

The Panthers had just come from "enrichment week," a week in which students are at school to experience different educational opportunities.

St. Mary's coach Mike Summerville accompanied some players to Tijuana, Mexico, to participate in community service projects. Starting pitcher Bijou Felder went to Montana for community service project.

"We were not practicing," Summerville said. "We came back on April 16) against Piedmont. We were not ready. We were hitting."

Some rainouts and Spring break kept the Panthers in a funk and two more losses followed, dropping them to 0-3. But St. Mary's finally turned its fortunes around after defeating Piedmont, now 4-2 in the league.

Proving that was no fluke, St. Mary's came from behind to

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Darnell Quinney delivers a pitch against Alameda in their ACCAL game. The Gauchos beat the Hornets 3-2.

Lock's bunt pays off for El Cerrito

By Ben Enos
CORRESPONDENT

With the score knotted at two in the fourth inning, the El Cerrito High School baseball team decided to try a bit of offensive pressure to break the stalemate against Alameda.

Thanks to the head of Gauchos catcher David Lock, that strategy gave them just enough of a spark to win the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game 3-2 on Friday.

With sophomore Michael Hicks standing at second base, Lock placed a sacrifice bunt down the first base line. Hornets catcher Kenny Americh fielded the bunt and threw to first, only to see the ball carom off Lock's head into right field, allowing Hicks to score easily and giving the Gauchos their eventual winning margin.

The errant play rewarded El Cerrito (13-1, 4-0 ACCAL at press time) pitcher Darnell Quinney,

PREP BOYS ROUNDUP

who battled a potent Hornets offense for five innings before giving way to junior Mario Hollands in the sixth. Hollands followed with two scoreless innings to notch the save, allowing only one base runner in the process.

Quinney and Hollands were not the only pitchers to have success, however, as Wilson turned in a gritty five innings of his own for Alameda (9-4, 3-1 at press time). Although he walked five, Wilson struck out seven, stranding eight Gauchos baserunners in the process.

Devon Bernstine was the catalyst for the Gauchos offense, reaching base three times, stealing three bases and scoring a run. Sophomore Mark Severy also contributed two hits in the victory, including an RBI single in the first inning.

St. Mary's 9, St. Joseph 8: The visiting Panthers (9-4, 4-1 Bay Shore Athletic League at press time) edged the Pilots on Monday, as Miguel Paniagua hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning to give St. Mary's it would never relinquish. Paniagua's home run broke a 6-6 tie. Results of Wednesday's game

Albany 13, St. Joseph 7: The visiting Cougars (6-5, 4-2 BSAL at press time) scored nine runs in the top of the seventh inning on Friday to blow open the game. Greg Johnson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and an RBI for Albany. Teammate Kyle Page was 1-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Berkeley 6, Encinal 5: The visiting Yellow Jackets (6-6-1, 3-1 ACCAL at press time) answered a five-run fifth inning by the Jets with a run in the sixth inning and ended up winning Friday's game by one run. Josh Cephas got the pitching win and

was 2-for-2 with a run scored at the plate. Teammate Jordan Ridgeway-White was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

TENNIS

St. Mary's 4, Salesian 3: Alex Daniel clinched the Panthers' win with a 6-2, 7-6 (3) victory over Greg Chandler at No. 4 singles on Tuesday. The visiting Chieftains (4-3 Bay Shore Athletic League at press time) won the first three singles matches. Shane Medina beat St. Mary's Scott Leong 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1 singles. The Panthers improved to 4-4 overall and 4-3 in BSAL action.

Berkeley 5, Pinole Valley 2: Berkeley swept the doubles matches on Tuesday to improve its record to 2-3. Roger Leu and Jonah Trotz of Berkeley defeated Pinole Valley's Jessie Sanchez and Kevin Ripiedad in two sets in No. 1 doubles action.

VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito d. Alameda: The Gauchos (12-3, 7-0 ACCAL at

press time) received 16 assists from Ramon Herrera and 21 service points from Don Miguel Tutas in a 25-15, 25-12, 25-19 win over Alameda on Tuesday.

GOLF

Berkeley 174, Hercules 180, El Cerrito 189: John Hasse led the Yellow Jackets with a two-over 37 for nine holes at Mira Vista Golf Course in El Cerrito on Tuesday. Scott Leong paced the Gauchos with a score of 45.

Albany 214, St. Joseph 226: Adam Barkow shot a one-over 36 for nine holes at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley to lead the Cougars (6-6, 4-5 BSAL at press time) Tuesday.

St. Mary's 215, St. Patrick 225: Dom Calegari shot a four-over 39 for nine holes at Mira Vista to pace the Panthers (8-4, 6-3 BSAL at press time) on Tuesday.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

St. Mary's destroys St. Joseph

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The host St. Mary's High School softball team won its fourth straight Bay Shore Athletic League game on Monday with a 23-0 defeat of St. Joseph Notre Dame.

The Panthers' Bijou Felder fired a no-hitter in the four-inning game on Monday, her second straight dominating league performance. On Friday, Felder struck out all nine she faced in a 17-0 three-inning game against Holy Names.

On Monday, the Panthers (7-4, 4-3 BSAL at press time) had four players with extra-base hits.

PREP GIRLS ROUNDUP

Jenna Starkey and Paige Freiburger had triples, and Courtney Moore and Linda Huie had doubles. Felder's record improved to 7-4 with the victory.

In their four-game league winning streak leading into Wednesday's game against Albany, the Panthers outscored their league opponents 51-3. The results of Wednesday's game were unavailable at press time.

St. Mary's 17, Holy Names 0: Freiburger was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and four RBI in Friday's win.

day's win. Moore added another 3-for-3 performance with three runs scored and an RBI, and Starkey was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and three RBI. Nettie Hubbard was also 2-for-3 with two runs scored and three RBI for the Panthers.

Albany 12, St. Joseph 0: The Cougars' Nicole Preshrew a two-hitter and Amaya Fernandez was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and three RBI for the host Cougars (4-6, 3-3 BSAL at press time). Joan Cannon slammed a triple for the Cougars, and teammates Julia Greenwood, Leana



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

ST. MARY'S HIGH'S Bijou Felder, left, scores as Holy Names' Erin Archer tries to tag her out.

ALBANY/BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

RESULTS OF APRIL 17

Micro division

Andronico Bluejays/Autumn Press Stars vs. Hammond Events Green Gators/Autumn Press Stars: The Bluejays showed impressive skill in their season opener against the Green Gators. The Stars split in two, half playing with the Bluejays and the other half playing with the Gators. Bluejay Maria Barkhurst slammed the ball out of the field and got herself a run. Tayah Blanck showed her skill by driving in a run and grabbing grounders. Bluejay Lucy Rosenthal gave her team its first and last runs of the game, and her quick pick-up of a grounder made for an out. First Gator

batter Kate Thomson hit a single into center field. Lee Labov, a Gator/Star, showed excellent fielding skills. Gators Claire Bogel, Gabriel Meachum, and Gator/Stars Taryn Woodhall, Grace Duncan and Cara Chinn all hit singles; Hannah Scherzinger hit a double past second base.

Younger division

On the Beam Leopards 18, Zonta Club Zooming Zebras 12: The Zooming Zebras kicked off the season with a well-played game against the Leopards. The Zebras' Sarah Lake and pitcher Hannah Schoenberger showed great defense. The Zebras showed their offense with Kira Traynor landing on base, Claire Harper's RBI

and Alejandra Zeiger's double to center. Defensively, Leopard Imani Bateau-Hiller made two putouts at first with the help of throws by pitcher Claire Ramer. The Zebras stayed strong, with Sarah Lake catching a fly ball and tagging a runner for two critical outs. Jasmine Masten added two singles and Hannah Schoenberger made a putout at second. Kira Traynor, Alejandra Zeiger and Alejandra Franco contributed RBI singles to the Zebras' attack.

Five Little Monkeys vs. Vivian Lopez Vipers: Five Little Monkeys' Maggie Scarpa's quick fielding led to an out at first base in the first inning. Viper Sydney Sturgeon smacked the hardest of five hits for an RBI. Five Lit-

tle Monkeys' batting was all-around impressive, with Emma Steinheimer and Madeleine Bamun each hitting whopping line drives to the outfield. A couple of unassisted fielding plays, one each by Vipers Sammie Chiang and Alyssa Kurtz, bolstered the Viper defense. Margo Friedman sustained the third-inning Viper offensive with a clean single. But not much got by Five Little Monkeys third baseman Serene Witherspoon, who fielded two grounders for two force outs to end the third inning.

Dr. Brehnan's Toothless Tigers v. Freidman Brueggemeyer Cougars: Both teams had a great time as the sun peeked out of the fog just in time for the opening pitch of this evenly-

matched game. Cougar Anna Barcellos started out the game with a strong hit. The Toothless Tigers responded with an out at home caught by Ashlyn Albert-Hall. Both teams displayed strong hitting and fielding. Tiger Shannon Riggio-Kerley lit up the field with a solid double followed by a fourth-inning double by Tiger Faith Valdez. Cougar Maeve Regis kept the Cougars dugout chanting with sharp hits in the last two innings. Cougar Reyna Fa-Kaji showed strong fielding skills by making two outs at first base.

Middle division

Prins Chiropractic Bulldogs 8,

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PREP BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Amador Valley	14-0	Dons pick up huge, 1-run wins over Monte Vista - San Ramon Valley
2.	California	13-1	Grizzlies quietly chugging along; showdown with Dons today
3.	Bishop O'Dowd	12-0	Dragons still unchallenged in HAAL play
4.	Monte Vista	10-3-1	Mustangs drop second 1-run game to Amador Valley
5.	El Cerrito	13-1	Gauchos get a good bounce in 3-2 win over Alameda
6.	De La Salle	9-4	Spartans fall to Freedom, beat St. Mary's-Stockton (No. 11 in NorCal) 4-1
7.	Clayton Valley	11-3	Three big wins over Antioch teams in one week for the Eagles
8.	Campolindo	10-2	Cougars all alone atop DFAL standings after 4-3 win over Acalanes
9.	San Ramon Valley	9-7	Last week, Wolves go 2-2 in grueling four games
10.	Miramonte	12-2	Matadors win ugly vs. Las Lomas, keep pace with Campolindo in DFAL

Other receiving votes: Berean Christian (13-0). The prep baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Results are through Saturday.

PREP SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
T1.	Foothill	11-3	Bounces back from 1-0 loss to Livermore to beat San Ramon Valley 2-0
T1.	Freedom	10-4	Falcons suddenly find themselves in a race for BVAL title
3.	Alameda	9-3	Results from first four ACCAL games: Hornets 58, Opponents 0
4.	Monte Vista	9-2	Mustangs edge Livermore 2-1
5.	Newark Memorial	13-3	Cougars give Freedom a challenge before losing 3-1
6.	Livermore	12-4	Cowboys played four EBAL games decided by one run
7.	Dublin	10-1	Beat College Park 3-2 to stay in first in DFAL
8.	Carondelet	9-3	Cougars are now the unexpected leaders of the BVAL
T9	California	7-2	Remains in the thick of the EBAL championship race
T9	Concord	8-2	Ran win streak to four with eight-inning victory over Northgate

The prep softball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Saturday.

BRIEFS

Bay Oaks Soccer Club offers tryouts

The Bay Oaks Soccer Club, which operates the Class I program for JLYSL, has been holding tryouts for boys and girls teams ages 15-19 at Merritt College and/or Alameda Point.

Any player from these clubs or residing Oakland, Alameda and Piedmont are encouraged to try out for the Bay Oaks if they want to play at the Class I competitive level. Interested players should refer to the complete schedule of tryouts for specific times and locations on the Bay Oaks Web site: www.bayoaks.net.

Diablo Valley Rage seeks players

The Diablo Valley Rage 9U boys traveling baseball team is looking for a player to complete its 2005 roster. Team based in Concord; players from all areas welcome. Roger, 510-693-1450.

Cal to host boys soccer camps

Cal men's soccer will host summer camps for boys. Advanced camp for ages 11-19 will be June 19-23, July 5-9 and July 17-21. Resident and commuter options available. Full day camp for ages 8-15 will be July 11-14, July 18-21 and Aug. 1-4. Half day camp for ages 5-10 will be June 20-24, July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5. Register online at www.cal-bears.com or call 510-643-9957.

Oakland Vipers to hold tryouts

Oakland Girls Softball League tryouts for Vipers 10U and 12U traveling tournament teams May 1 at Marshall Field, 3400 Malcolm Ave. off 106th Ave. in Hell-

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For questions, please call 510-748-1662 or 510-262-2738.

USA Junior Olympic Baseball needs players

USA Junior Olympic baseball team is looking for players ages 14-16 with high school experience.

USA baseball selects the 16U National Team. 2005 Summer Olympic tournament is June 17-25 in West Palm Beach, Florida. All players on the National Team will compete in the Pan American games. Javier Carrillo, 925-565-4450 or www.antiochsenators.com.

Alameda High School Summer Basketball Camp

Alameda High School will offer a summer basketball camp for both boys and girls entering grades fourth through ninth on June 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alameda High gymnasium.

The cost is \$125 for applica-

tions and a \$25 deposit submitted before May 6. The balance of \$125 is due June 6. The regular price is \$150 and goes up to \$175 for those that pay at the door on June 21. The cost includes a camp T-shirt, Hornet basketball, pass to a Hornet home game and 20 plus hours of instruction.

For more information or an application contact Brad Thomas at 510-865-7063.

Alameda World Team seeks players

Alameda World Team Baseball is looking for skilled 14- and 15-year-olds that may be interested in participating in the World Tournament held in Fresno and also Friendship Games in Canada in August.

For more information call Tim Marr 510-865-6226 or Rich Krinks 510-521-8709.

Miramonte High School coaches needed

Miramonte High School in Orinda is taking applications for a junior varsity football head coach and assistants. Athletic Director, Vince Deil Aquila, 925-280-3930 ext. 3451.

Cobras tryouts and fund-raiser

Contra Costa Cobras girls fastpitch 14U, 16U 18U teams are looking to complete their summer 2005 rosters. Call for individual tryouts, 14U and 16U, Joe Zanarini, 925-250-9658; 18U, George Taylor, 925-518-5511. Raffle fund-raiser tickets are \$100 each; only 250 tickets will be sold. Grand prize \$8,000. Drawing is Saturday; last chance for tickets is today. Gloria Zanarini, 925-250-9658. Visit www.contracostacobras.com.

4: Slammers Sabina Khan and Madie Cousins provided a powerful lead-off combo to spark the Slammers to four runs, which fell short in a loss to Rodeo in their first interleague game of the season. Sadie Oliver-Gray and Shelby LaRosa split the five innings of pitching, striking out 10 and giving up only five hits.

Alameda Blazers 23, Tulip Hardwood Belt Sanders 9: The Belt Sanders had a strong start against the Blazers in their first interleague game of the season, but fell behind when sharp Blazer groundballs eluded the Belt Sanders' gloves. Belt Sanders pitcher Elana Jacobs-Pontecorvo struck out two and tagging out another in one inning. Second pitcher Liah Hubbard struck out two batters and caught three pop-ups. Kate Carter and Zoe Fiddler caught misplayed fastballs. Emma Rotem contributed great fielding and speedy steals to second and third. Helen Mason added daring base running, impressive base stealing and tagged out a runner. With great hits by Angelina Herrera, Katie Tick, and Sita Wong, the Belt Sanders battled mightily against the dominant Blazers.

Adobe Black Magic 5, Oakland Bad Girls 4: Every Adobe player contributed to the victory. Magicians Lise and Valerie Dohrer started things off in the second by walking and stealing their way around the bases for the first runs of the game. Krista Smithers followed suit in the third, making a major-league slide into home. Corey Chin smacked the ball in the fifth inning and scored Black Magic's final run. The Bad Girls put the game in jeopardy in the sixth inning until Magician Lily Meryash's throw to first baseman Smithers ended the inning, earning Meryash the game ball. Magician Elizabeth Tulsy threw four perfect innings with nine strikeouts, no walks and no hits. Oakland Bad Girls' Sweetie Washington and Arzine Lee each scored a run and had outstanding pitching performances of their own.

Interleague

Rodeo 5, San Marco Slammers

ON DECK

Prep baseball

■ **Berkeley vs. El Cerrito**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cerrito Vista Park — The two rivals met in the championship game of the Alameda Easter Classic on March 31. El Cerrito won 5-0.

■ **John Swett at Albany**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — The Cougars have three teams above them in the Bay Shore Athletic League standings at press time, and John Swett is one of them.

Prep softball

■ **Albany vs. John Swett**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lefty Gomez Field in Rodeo — John Swett edged the Cougars 2-1 on April 11.

Prep boys golf

■ **BSAL championship tournament**, 11:45 a.m. Monday at Chuck Corica Golf Complex in Alameda —

St. Mary's will try to defend its BSAL tournament team title.

Prep boys tennis

■ **Bay Shore Athletic League championship tournament**, first round, noon Tuesday at Harbor Bay Club in Alameda — Piedmont play are won both the singles and doubles titles last year. The second day of competition will start Wednesday at noon.

Prep boys volleyball

■ **El Cerrito at Salesian**, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday — Another battle between two of the top boys volleyball teams in the area. Salesian defeated El Cerrito 25-13, 25-20, 25-15 on March 15.

Prep boys lacrosse

■ **Bishop O'Dowd at Berkeley**, 6 p.m. Thursday — At press time, the

Yellow Jackets were second in Diablo Valley Lacrosse; the Dragons were third.

Stars of the week

■ **Greg Johnson**, Albany — Johnson was 2 for 4 with a home run and an RBI in the 13-7 win over St. Joseph.

■ **Josh Cephas**, Berkeley — In a 6-5 victory over El Cerrito, Cephas was 2-for-2 at the plate, run scored and also earned a win.

■ **Mark Severy**, El Cerrito — Severy was 2-for-3 with a home run and a RBI in the 3-2 win over St. Joseph.

■ **Bljov Felder**, St. Mary's — Felder struck out all nine batters in a 17-0 three-inning shutout against Holy Names. She also pitched a four-inning no-hitter.

ACCAL

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English had his best game this season against Hercules on April 13. Against the Titans, English went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a two-run homer in the second inning.

CAREER CHANGE? Co-Pinole Valley swim coach Jim Ulversoy should consider running for office in California.

Ulversoy could show the brass how to balance the state budget after coming up with a plan that condensed two three-team swim meets in a nine-lane pool, which included 125 swimmers, into an hour and 50 minute meet.

Conflicts with a junior prom forced Pinole Valley to move its

meet with De Anza and Encinal from Friday to Thursday last week at Contra Costa College.

The only problem was that Salesian, St. Mary's and St. Joseph had a scheduled Bay Shore Athletic League meet at the same location.

When the BSAL meet couldn't be re-scheduled, Ulversoy spent three hours last Wednesday night coming up with a swim plan.

"Once we got going it was pretty good," Ulversoy said. "It was just getting there. ... I was racking my brains out."

But the work paid off as the meet ran without any hitches.

Ulversoy also received an added bonus when Pinole Valley's Becky Geisinger won two individual events and swam a leg for the winning 200-yard

freestyle relay team.

Geisinger was first in freestyle with a time of 2:00.31 (1:03.31). The Pinole Valley freestyle relay team of Rodriguez, Sonda, and Veronica Von Mow with a time of 2:02.31.

MORE SPARTANS SUCCESS: Geisinger wasn't only Pinole Valley athlete to find success on April 14.

Spartans pitcher James hit two home runs, including a grand slam in the second of a 15-0 win over Richmond.

Dias, who had a no-hitter with 12 strikeouts in a 12-0 win over St. Joseph on April 6, also a solo shot in the fourth

BSAL

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top John Swett 3-2 on April 13.

"The rally against John Swett started at the bottom of the order," Summers said.

The Indians started the week 4-2 in the BSAL.

St. Mary's has outscored its last two league opponents 40-0 in seven innings.

"The league is very factional," Summers said. "There are three or four teams that are very good and three or four that struggle. We beat two of the top (four) teams. That's very good for us."

In three games last week, catcher Paige Freiburger was 8-for-9 at the plate.

Felder was perfect against Holy Names, striking out all nine batters she faced.

St. Patrick (6-0) and Salesian (7-1) led the BSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SET.

Next week, the BSAL is holding its league championships in boys golf and boys tennis.

The BSAL boys golf championships are noon Monday at the Alameda Municipal Golf Course.

Piedmont is the returning league team champion but has lost two matches recently to St. Joseph and St. Mary's. However,

the Highlanders beat the Panthers earlier in the season, which should make an interesting team championship.

Albany has the returning individual league champion Adam Barkow. The Cougars have a full team for the time in more than 30 years.

The BSAL boys tennis championships are Tuesday and Wednesday at the Harbor Club in Alameda.

Piedmont is the favorite after going undefeated in league matches this season.

Tuesday's action starts noon. Wednesday's start will not be determined until play ends on Tuesday.

Girls

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Petri and Fernandez had doubles. Presher improved her record to 2-1 with the win on Friday.

Berkeley 11, Encinal 1: Sarah Neuhaus pitched a three-hitter in a five-inning game for host Berkeley on Friday. Jeanette Lam was 2-for-4 with a triple for host Berkeley (7-3, 2-2 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time). Neuhaus improved her

record to 6-3 with the victory.

Alameda 11, El Cerrito 0: The Gauchos' Tessa Teruskin went 1-for-2 with a double and played well at shortstop for the Gauchos, but the host Hornets (9-3, 4-0 ACCAL at press time) were too much for the Gauchos (2-3, 2-2 ACCAL at press time) on Friday.

LACROSSE

Miramonte 10, Berkeley 5: Claire O'Shaughnessy and teammate Caitlin Boucher scored two goals apiece for Berkeley, but it wasn't enough in the Diablo Val-

ley Lacrosse League match Tuesday.

Softball

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Nolo Pickle Express 0: Pickles pitcher Marielle Cohen enjoyed a solid first inning, hustling a batted ball to Sam Abkin at first for the first out of the game, then striking out two batters. The Bulldogs had one hit, but left a runner on second. A similar situation occurred in the second as Bulldogs runners reached second and third, but again failed to score. Pickle Marielle Cohen made it to second on a gutsy piece of base running. In the third, the Bulldogs scored three runs, despite skillful Pickles defense. In the fourth, Pickle Julia Martinelli snagged a grounder and got a Bulldog runner out at first as the Bulldogs scored a fourth run.

Impact Fund Maximum Impact 4, Red Oak Realty Rascals 1: Impact pitchers Sasha Kramer and Clara Obstfeld retired three batters in three innings. Obstfeld fielded two line drives on the mound. Natalia Aldaco's solid skills at first retired two runners. Barbara McCray drove a double down the left-field line. Rasca pitcher Brooke Tannahill racked up three strikeouts in two innings. Rasca Lena Nitsan also had a fine day on the mound, assisting on all three outs in the fourth — two throws to first baseman Kiana Walker and a caught pop fly ball. Defense continued to be solid at first, where Jordan Baker, Katy Robinson and Veronica Timpane made critical outs. Camilla Obata and Gillian Sweeney had line drive singles; Nitsan hit a double into the outfield. Vita Romano scored in the fourth.

Older division

San Marco Slammers 4, Dart Vend Bumpkins Bears 3: Slammer Sadie Oliver-Gray celebrated her birthday by smashing a double and shutting down hitters with blazing strikeouts. Zoe Oliver-Gray grounded in a run. Latrina Senegal applied a fearless

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Perfection mutes intrigue in 'Interpreter'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Sydney Pollack's "The Interpreter" is an old-fashioned thriller — intelligently plotted, well acted and of timely subject matter. But it has about it the diligence of a straight-A student, the kind who, when he or she raises a hand to answer a question yet again, the teacher gives an internal sigh. Being beyond reproach lacks excitement.

Nicole Kidman plays Silvia Broome, a United Nations interpreter who overhears a conversation about a plot to assassinate someone. As Silvia, Kidman continues her march toward Meryl Streep status, slipping into an African accent, speaking in multiple languages and steadfastly conveying her character's brilliance. When the character, rattled by the situation she's stumbled into, picks up her flute to play some relaxing music, we don't even balk at the pretension. Kidman has convinced us there is nothing this woman can't do.

The male lead is Tobin Keller (Sean Penn), a Secret Service agent in the foreign dignitary protection branch assigned to investigate Silvia's claim. He's a gritty, cynical type, and he has doubts about her, which, as the story unfolds, seems a sensible approach.

It's quickly determined that the man under threat is Edmund Zuwanie, the leader of a fictional African country called Matobo, the very same country where Silvia grew up and had a politically checkered past. (A nitpicker would ask, could she ever have gotten clearance to work at the UN?)

Zuwanie (Earl Cameron) was once an idealistic liberator, but he's been corrupted and is under threat of prosecution for crimes against humanity. In her youth, Silvia had great faith in him, un-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Interpreter"

■ **STARRING:** Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener, Michael Wright

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (violence, some sexual content, brief strong language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 8 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B-

til she got a brutal personal lesson in his deficiencies. Now, she admits, she would like to see him removed from power.

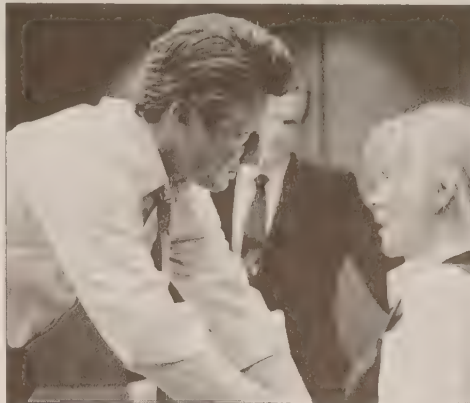
Or as she puts it to Tobin, "gone."

"Dead?" he asks. No, she responds. He thinks they are the same thing.

"If dead and gone were the same thing, there wouldn't be a United Nations," she tells him.

"The Interpreter" is fueled by crisp dialogue like this. The three credited screenwriters — Charles Randolph, Scott Frank and Steve Zaillian — have obvious respect for their subject matter. The UN, for the first time in its history, allowed filmmakers onto the premises, and there is a sense about the whole enterprise that it needs to be as hallowed as those halls. The central theme, espoused by Silvia, is that diplomacy may take longer than violent action, but it is the only true course.

The plot is intricate, weaving together a number of suspects with differing motivations. There's the distinct possibility that Silvia does know more than she's letting on (at times her refusal to come clean with Tobin, clearly a reliable ally, is wearing). But there are so many potential bad guys,



UN-VERSAL

SEAN PENN portrays gritty federal agent Tobin Keller opposite Nicole Kidman as UN interpreter Silvia Broome.

as in any real political situation, that we stay constantly alert, keeping an eye out for them.

There's a masterfully put-together sequence involving a city bus, an exiled leader, his imposing bodyguards, two Secret Service foot soldiers, a potential assassin and Silvia. The scene's sad resolution is emotionally true and difficult to watch.

Some fleeting comic relief is provided by Catherine Keener, who plays Tobin's partner, Dot. On duty in a strip club, Dot has to admonish a nearly naked dancer, "Ma'am, please don't touch the Prime Minister." The wry, world-weary attitude works precisely because we know it's an act of sorts. Dot's way of coping with the stress of her job is to make jokes; she can't help herself. Given the heavy mood of the rest of the picture, we're grateful.

Penn's character is, surpris-

ingly, the weakest link. Tobin is reeling from his own personal tragedy, which took place just a couple of weeks before the story starts. The coincidence is supposed to bring Silvia and him together, but it feels like a case of screenwriting by committee, overkill if you will. His Tobin is a gloomy sort, which Penn has no difficulty selling.

But there's a stretch to create a genuine romantic tension between the two characters. Kidman is so porcelain smooth, so glowingly perfect, that even putting her next to Penn's increasingly worn, craggy face seems like a mistake. It's like seeing Botticelli's Venus in Columbo's arms. We sense mutual respect, but never any actual lust.

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Reviews

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inventor has been given a golden parachute and the new CEO has nefarious plans to stop manufacturing replacement parts for old robots. — M. Pols. (PG: some brief language and suggestive humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C+

"SAHARA": A bloated, wannabe Indiana Jones-style action flick, starring Matthew McConaughey as explorer Dirk Pitt (the subject of author Clive Cussler's best-selling series). His quest for a lost Civil War ship overlaps with a beautiful scientist's (Penelope Cruz) investigation into a possible plague in

Africa. Go figure. McConaughey is no Harrison Ford — he's a pretty but limp hero — and the movie is too long, but as imitations go, it isn't all bad. With Steve Zahn providing his usual comic relief. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. C+

"SIN CITY": Shot in black-and-white, this movie springs off the screen just as the noir comic books by Frank Miller it is adapted from. So visually exciting you can't turn away, even when all that's happening onscreen is the relentless reduction of skull and brain matter into pulp. So cool it could almost give you frostbite. Star-studded, but also deliberately offensive, pointless and emotionally hollow; it's about nothing at all,

serving only as a celebration of violence. — M. Pols. (R: extreme violence, language, sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"TURTLES CAN FLY": There are many indelible scenes in this shatteringly realistic, artfully composed study of children in war. Set in a tiny Kurdish hamlet during the lead-up to the American invasion of Iraq, the movie is about survival and giving up. The top survivor in the refugee camp is a boy called Satellite, who organizes the orphaned refugees' money-making enterprises. He is threatened when another boy arrives and sets up his own business, but is also knocked for a loop by the boy's sister, as lovely as she is suicidal. — B.

Strauss. (Not Rated: violence, language, children in jeopardy; in Kurdish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. A

"THE UPSIDE OF ANGER": A menacing tale of a middle-aged woman (Joan Allen) deserted by her longtime husband, leaving her with four daughters, a bottomless bottle of gin and a major case of rage. Written by Mike Binder as a valentine to the always magnificent Allen, but he seems to have a better grip on his male characters than his women. The real love letter is to Kevin Costner, who plays her rumpled new love interest. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual situations, brief comic violence, some drug use.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B-

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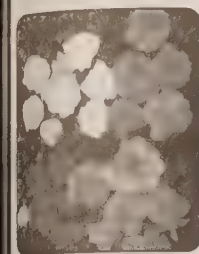


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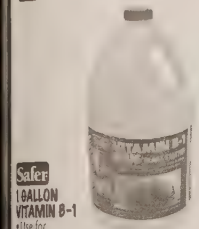
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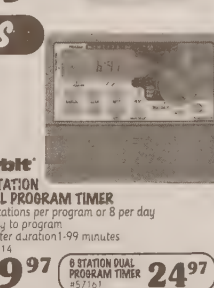
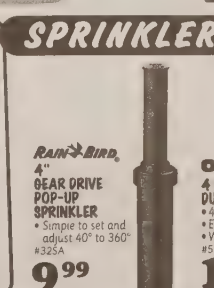
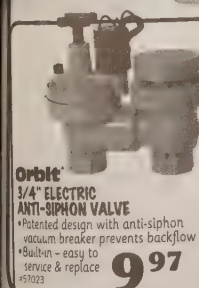
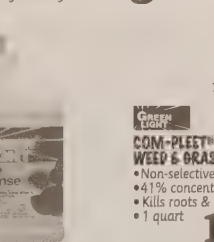
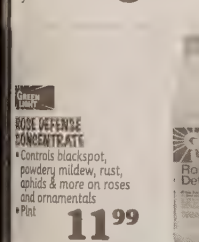
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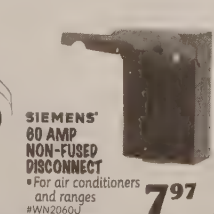
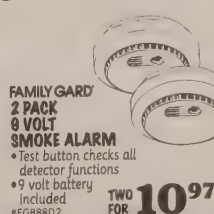
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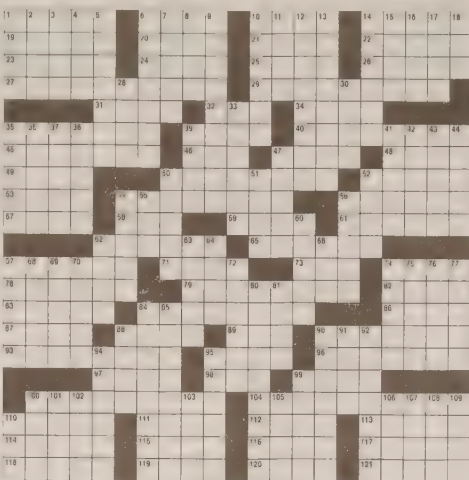
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STAGE

ACTORS ENSEMBLE OF BERKELEY — "Working," April 8 through May 7. A musical based on Studs Terkel's amusing and touching interviews with the working people of America. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; May 5, 8 p.m. \$15. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-5999 or www.aesofberkeley.org.

ASHBY STAGE — OPENING — "A Knight's Escape," April 23 through May 14. Eastenders Repertory Company presents the world premiere of Charles E. Polly's drama exploring insecurity in the post-September 11th world. April 23, April 28, April 30, May 5, May 7, May 12 and May 14, 8 p.m. \$15 to \$22. 510-568-4118 or www.ticketweb.com or www.eastenders.org.

OPENING — "WWJD?" April 24 through May 15. Eastenders Repertory Company presents the world premiere of Scott Munson's irreverent comedy about the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, whose economic vision for America becomes unsettled when he receives an unexpected visit from "Jesus of Norway." April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15, 3 p.m.; April 29, May 6 and May 13, 8 p.m. \$15 to \$22. 510-568-4118 or www.ticketweb.com or www.eastenders.org.

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AURORA THEATRE COMPANY — "Blue/Orange" by Joe Penhall, April 14 through May 15. This story about class, race and madness is set in a London psychiatric hospital and follows a young man who claims to be the son of African dictator Idi Amin, and the two rival psychiatrists who fight over his diagnosis and treatment.

Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$36 to \$45. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.com.

BERKELEY CITY CLUB — CLOSING — "Ariel" by Marina Carr, April 2 through May 1. The U.S. premiere of Carr's contemporary tale of passion, power and destruction, bringing the Greek myth of Iphigenia to modern-day Ireland. Presented by Wilde Irish Productions. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18 to \$22 general; \$15 to \$19 students and seniors; \$10 students on Thursdays. 510-644-9940 or www.wildeirish.org.

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BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE — CLOSING — "For Better or Worse," March 16 through April 24. A farce on married life based on the classic comedies of Georges Feydeau, and adapted and translated by Geoff Hoyle. On the Thrust Stage. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$43 to \$55 general; \$20 persons under age 30.

"The People's Temple," April 20 through May 29. World premiere of this theatrical exploration of the beginning, rise and tragic fall of the Jonestown movement led by the Reverend Jim Jones. At the Roda Theatre. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$14 and MAY 19: NO PERFORMANCE ON MAY 27. \$10 to \$55.

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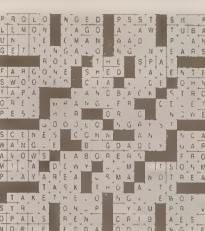
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...What you have to do is find
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...es telling," says veteran Bay
...actor James Carpenter, who
...ago was still not sure
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...before the start of previews.

"The idea is to be truthful with those people and the information, try not to slant it in any particular way."

The creation process, as defined by Tectonic and Fondakowski, involves at least two steps: gathering information — usually documents or in-person interviews, often conducted by actors — and the writing, which is done by juxtaposing the collected words in a way that accurately tells the story and drives it with compelling theatricality.

"We have been learning step-by-step that making theater like this is not like making a film documentary," says Stephen Wangh, a collaborating writer and one of Kaufman's former college professors. "You need dramatic action to happen. Large scale isn't enough to tell a piece of history — you have to back it up by playwriting."

Bitterness lingers

Complicating things is the still-controversial division of opinion on Jones and Jonestown, and the racial element: One of the guiding principles of Jonestown was that it was supposed to be completely without prejudice, and entirely equal in all things. It was a philosophy that earned Jones a sizable following among African-Americans.

Margo Hall, an interviewer, writer and actor on "People's Temple," was asked to gather information from the families of some of the black members of the temple, something that was more difficult than originally anticipated.

"Initially, I was interviewing African-American people who were part of the People's Temple, and I got a lot of rejection," she says. "A lot of African-Americans weren't interested in talking, and I got a little discouraged since they (other interviewers) were having more success with white members. But I kept going, telling them we want to hear your voice; but I think part of it was a lot of them felt very exploited by what happened to them and their community."

A number of black interview subjects simply looked at the play as a white project and who is interested in finding out who the others involved were.

"Where's Danny Glover?" says Hall, recalling a typical re-

sponse. "They were really worried about it being a white man's story ... so there were a lot of trust issues involved."

And, since Jones' insistence on equality was such a central issue to his story, many of the interviewers were still supporting, at the very least, the concept and philosophy of Jonestown, says Wangh — despite the horrific end.

"In a way, it was the end of an era," he says. "People who talk about the death of People's Temple talk about it as the death of the communal movement, and gave up the hope of making utopias. The movement existed from the late '60s until this, when all those people died in Guyana."

Those voices, too, are heard in the play.

"One of the great draws of People's Temple was the integration at all levels — prejudice just didn't exist," Wangh says. "A number of people (black and white) still say it was the best time of their lives. And for many poor blacks, it was a place where they could step into a world where black and white felt equal. Many of those who grew up in the rural South under terrible oppression found in People's Temple a world unlike anything they ever lived before."

Personal connections

For many, though, the pain of People's Temple, with the deaths of the members, journalists covering Jonestown, and Congressman Leo Ryan, is still very much alive. Particularly in the Bay Area, many longtime residents still have connections with those somehow involved in the tragedy.

Hall, who grew up in Detroit, also feels very close to the Temple tragedy — one of her best childhood friends died in the jungle.

"Shirley and Marthea Hicks — their pictures were the ones they had in the Detroit newspapers when it happened," she said. "I used to run and play tag with them. I went back and talked to one of their brothers, who was like an uncle to me. After it happened to them, it was all kind of hush-hush with the adults, so when I went back there to talk, it more or less completed the circle, even though the interviews were very painful and personal."

Wangh was part of the Tec-

tonic Project's "Gross Indecency" and "Laramie," but says this show is much larger and could easily be 14 or 15 different plays with the material that is available. Jones, he said, was a bit like Richard Nixon in the way he taped most things for the archives. There is even a tape of the parishioners dying after drinking the poison.

"If you listen, it is very dramatic in and of itself, but it doesn't tell the story," he says. "Making the play dramatic has a lot to do with intercutting and make this material into a drama. And you have to be careful not to get caught up in one person's drama, so choosing material is very important."

The play has thrust Berkeley Rep into a national spotlight. The Los Angeles Times recently did a piece on the upcoming show, and several other national media outlets have expressed interest in covering or reviewing the Jonestown story.

For the opening night performance, media response has been huge, and in addition to the normal Berkeley Rep invitation list, all of those who were interviewed for the story have been invited to opening night.

For Dower, the debut of the play will be a landmark near the end of a long and difficult journey. "I think the thing that most surprised me was how emotionally difficult working on the material itself would be," he says. "It is very hard and humbling work, and I know Leigh and her crew weren't prepared for how it would be. We have a huge responsibility."

Dower recalls his wife, who is curating and processing the People's Temple information for the California Historical Society, coming home from work after a particularly difficult day.

"She'd been working with the material for a year," he says. "And the difficult day came when it occurred to her that no matter what she did and how careful she was with the material, the people still die in the end. I think part of her had been working to save them."

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middle of it. Mainstream media outlets such as the New York Times and MSNBC frequently singled out Moulitsas and his blog. In October, his site juggled more than 1 million hits daily, although that was a one-time spike because of the election.

Even now, though, as the fervor from the election has died down, his following continues to grow. "Had (Sen. John) Kerry won, I think traffic would have died in lots of ways," he said. "There would have been a 'mission accomplished' mentality, but the opposite has happened."

The popularity of his site has meant that he is one of the few to turn his blog into a paying gig, which is both a blessing and an occasional pain.

As the boss, he deals with the accountant, the attorneys and the rest of the business operations. "Sometimes, it takes the joy out of it," he said.

Moulitsas declined to divulge how much he makes, but one press report estimated that he made \$20,000 in advertising in a month. Moulitsas said the figure was a one-time amount from October and not reflective of how much he typically takes in.

In any case, he said, most of the dollars are reinvested into paying for the servers and equipment necessary to maintain his blog, particularly with traffic on the rise again.

The increasing popularity of the Daily Kos also means that it has taken more and more of his time. His typical day starts at 8 in the morning and does not end until well past midnight. Just re-

sponding to e-mails from readers, sources, the media and part-ners takes about three hours a day. He also spends hours re-searching political races, tracking polls, analyzing demograph-ics data, and sifting through news articles. Posting an entry on his blog is the easy part: It usually takes about five minutes.

It all translates into less time for some of the sweeter things in life. Nine years ago, Moulitsas, then a law student at Boston University, met his wife-to-be at a salsa dancing class. When the couple moved to the Bay Area to chase the dot-com dream, they used to frequent salsa clubs like the Roccapulco Supper Club in San Francisco. But now with the baby and the blog, they rarely get to go out.

A trained classical pianist and composer who has recorded a CD, Moulitsas also has few chances to play. While courting his wife, he penned several songs for her, and has also composed pieces for their son and their friends' weddings.

Now in their Berkeley home, a single white sheet of computer paper rests on the piano stand. On it, he has scribbled a list of names, a notation of his compositions, the beginnings of a plan to record another CD, someday.

"I think deep down inside, if Markos could do anything in the world, it would be to record music," his wife, Batista, said.

The Daily Kos began to take off around the time Batista gave birth to their baby, and for a while, she handled most of the child care alone. Mother and son

frequently saw Moulitsas, because he worked from home, but he spent most of his time in front of the computer.

But Batista, a former reporter for Wired News, is quick to point out that it was because the site became so successful at this time that she was able to quit her job and stay at home to care for their son.

"It was hard at first, but overall it's a good thing," she said. "For a career, this is perfect. He is definitely not a 9-to-5 guy. This allowed us to live a life, (for me) to stay at home with our son and see each other more often than most married couples do. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

What is hard for Batista is to see the stinging criticism Moulitsas receives as a high-profile blogger. Recently, critics questioned his ethics for accepting money from Howard Dean's presidential campaign as a paid consultant in late 2003. During that time, Moulitsas continued to blog about the presidential candidate, posting a disclosure on the front page of his Web site.

"I understand (the criticism) comes with the territory, but it's still hard," Batista said.

Moulitsas said that the controversy is moot now because he no longer depends on consulting to help pay the bills.

Instead, he and his "blogfather," Jerome Armstrong, the blogger behind MyDD.com, are co-authoring a political book scheduled to make its debut next year.

Armstrong and Moulitsas,

who met when they were among the few bloggers tracking political races, also helped found the SportsBlog network. The blogs track popular baseball teams, including AthleticsNation.com for the Oakland A's and McCoveyChronicles.com for the San Francisco Giants.

The sports blogs have provided a much-needed diversion. "It's nice to get away from politics," Moulitsas said. "Everything seems to be life and death."

Life and death, however, is largely the catalyst behind Moulitsas' initial interest in politics and blogging. Moulitsas, who was born in Chicago and is part Salvadoran, part Greek, spent a large part of his childhood in El Salvador, where he grew up surrounded by the civil war and saw the literal life-and-death impact of politics.

Moulitsas returned to Chicago as a teenager, but after graduating from high school, he enrolled in the Army. During the first Persian Gulf war, he was stationed in Germany and was scheduled to ship out to the Middle East. The war ended quickly, so he never did, but he left the army a changed man, becoming much more liberal and critical of the Republican administration.

Returning to the United States, he studied journalism, philosophy and political science at Northern Illinois University and briefly considered a career as a reporter. Instead, after graduating, he turned down a job with the Associated Press and enrolled in law school. He continued to write and married writing

with technology, starting an early blog called the Hispanic-Latino News Service.

Fast forward to May 2002, when Moulitsas started the Daily Kos in response to what he described as a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere that stifled any criticism of the White House, particularly about its plans in Iraq.

"It was not an easy time to be liberal, and I started that site in reaction to the climate," he said. "I refused to be cowed into silence by this oppressive right-wing machine."

He quit his job as a project manager at a technology company in 2003 to focus more on his blog and to start a consulting company with Armstrong, creating Web sites for political campaigns and issue groups. In January 2004, after resisting for some time, he signed on with BlogAds and immediately sold his first advertisement. Eight months later, he realized that the blog could sustain him full time and, by the end of 2004, he had gradually stopped consulting.

Moulitsas continues to be unapologetic for his beliefs and hopes that a critical mass of Democrats will rise to power someday soon.

"At the end of the day, my goal is to win elections," he said. "I will do whatever it takes."

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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

Friendship tale a top-notch rental

'Sideways'

A saga of overripe baby boomers, "Sideways" tells the story of two friends (Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church) who head to the Santa Barbara wine country for a pre-wedding bachelor getaway. The boys drink lots of wine, meet two local women (Virginia Madsen and Sandra Oh) and quickly fall in love, triggering mid-life crises for all four. At turns romantic, sad and, ultimately, redeeming, the film is very satisfying and makes for a top-notch rental. However, despite claims of being a comedy, the film has only a few big laughs. Instead, this is a thoughtful and entertaining drama that, thankfully, manages to avoid being melancholy. While deeply flawed people, the characters are compelling and we wind up caring for them, warts and all. (R: language and sex). 2 hours and 3 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: ½ stars

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A terrific script and solid cast power this poignant film.

'What The Bleep Do We Know?'

Packaged as a jazzed-up science documentary that ponders deep questions about perception versus reality, "What the Bleep" is more of a recruitment film for a shadowy new age movement. One of the "experts" interviewed identified himself as the channel for Ramtha, a 35,000-year-old warrior. A different expert claimed that water changes its molecular shape if you say rude things to it. If this is the kind of bleep that we don't know, then I'll opt to continue my current state of ignorance. The real point of this junk-science film appears to be swelling the rolls of Ramtha's School of Enlightenment. Don't fall for it; keep your loved ones away from this DVD. (R: sexual situations). 1 hour and 48 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: ½ star

Kids: 0 stars

Teens: 1 star

Adults: ½ star

Seniors: ½ star

Should you rent it? No — Kooky cult propaganda film disguised as deep-thinking documentary.

'Imagination Movers: Stir It Up'

Throughout the country small bands of rock 'n' roll rebels are challenging the notion that children's music must be annoying ear treacle. In the Bay Area, the Sippy Cups entertain kids and their parents with upbeat, child-friendly songs. New Orleans has the Imagination Movers, a group of four dads who seem to have a limitless supply of energy. "Stir It Up" is the Imagination Movers' new collection of 15 hand-clapping original music videos recently released on DVD. This is children's music that rocks. My 1½-year-old daughter was dancing around the room while the disc played, and I found myself quickly humming along to the catchy tunes. (Not rated). 40 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 3½ stars

Teens: 1½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 1½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A great introduction for children to the world of music videos.

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MARKOS MOULITSAS of Berkeley started a blog to feed his political interests a few years ago and has since turned it into a full-time job and a central place on the Web for political junkies.

Kos makes the most of blogging

■ Berkeley man's Web site fosters busy political community, forcing him to balance off-line, online commitments

By Ellen Lee
STAFF WRITER

Markos Moulitsas is sipping apple cider in the corner of a Berkeley coffee shop, talking about his blog, the Daily Kos, one of the most widely read political sites on the Internet, when he is interrupted by a young, enthusiastic supporter.

"I'm a huge fan," he says, gripping Moulitsas in a two-handed shake.

Moulitsas looks embarrassed, shy even, as he murmurs "Thank you, thank you." This isn't the first time Moulitsas has been recognized from his picture on the site, but it's still something the formerly anonymous techie is getting used to.

"I'm a very anti-social person," he said. "I'm a blogger. I feel

PROFILE

■ NAME: Markos Moulitsas
■ AGE: 33
■ RESIDENCE: Berkeley
■ EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University, J.D. from Boston University School of Law
■ WEB SITES: dailymkos.com, fishysharp.com, polstate.com, ourcongress.org

more comfortable talking to a computer monitor."

Moulitsas, a U.S. Army veteran outraged by President Bush and his actions after Sept. 11, started DailyKos.com in 2002 as a place to air his thoughts, never imagining the fame and money that would follow.

Today, his site reaches 400,000 readers daily and charges \$3,250 a week for a premium ad, bringing in enough for Moulitsas to live comfortably in Berkeley and

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ONLINE: Listen to Markos Moulitsas discuss the evolution of "Daily Kos" at ContraCostaTimes.com.

THE DAILY KOS ON ...

■ The California judge's ruling that bloggers who revealed some of Apple Inc.'s "trade secrets" would be required to reveal their confidential sources.

"... is clearly ridiculous. There are some heavy hitters working on that case. I can't imagine this judge's decision is going to stand. It flies in the face of a lot of jurisprudence."

■ The Federal Elections Commission's plans to apply campaign finance rules to bloggers:

"The blogosphere allows for anonymity. ... (On behalf of a large corporation), I could set up (a blog) in a way nobody would ever know who set it up. I could put it on an anonymous blog site or set it up on offshore servers that clearly would be outside the reach of U.S. law enforcement. It's impossible to police. (Instead), these rules are going to be used to harass people like me ... because I'm not anonymous. It's going to force more people underground to get around the rules."

"And two, the blogosphere and just

the Internet in general is an environment where political activism can be done by regular people on an even keel with these big corporations. It's different in the off-line world. How many grassroots groups can buy a full page ad in the New York Times? How many people can afford to run a 30-second ad on television? None. It's either you have to be ultra rich or you have to be a big corporate power. Online, anyone can do what I do. It's not a medium that can be dominated by corporate interests and corporate dollars."

■ On blogging versus journalism:

"Someone has to do the reporting, and it's not going to be me. ... I need the traditional media because basically what I'm doing is feeding off of that. What I'm doing in return is I'm a filter to my audience. My audience is looking for certain information, and I can direct people to news and even give it a higher profile, and even nationalize certain stories in a way that wasn't possible before."

Play revisits Bay Area's 1978 horror

By Pat Craig
STAFF WRITER

THE NEWS came like a slap to the face — dozens, no, hundreds, dead in a mass suicide in Guyana.

People's Temple faithful — men, women and children, little kids, the kind you cuddle on your lap — drank poisoned grape drink and died in a remote outpost in the jungle, where the church, which had been based in Indianapolis, Ukiah and San Francisco, moved seeking freedom and room to grow.

News of the deaths began Nov. 18, 1978, not long before Thanksgiving.

And as the days passed, and people were stocking the fridge and pantry with turkey and cranberry sauce, the death toll grew.

It was the way the bodies were found, on top of each other, behind doors, hidden away from reluctant takers of the grim census.

Nov. 22, the 15th anniversary of the Kennedy assassination, the count grew higher.

Congressman Leo Ryan, a former high school teacher on the Peninsula, was assassinated in Guyana, and his aide, Jackie Speier, was critically injured.

By Nov. 27, the death toll was hovering above 900, again stunning the Bay Area with the ever-growing total. But there were two more deaths that day, closer to home — the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, at the hands of ex-supervisor Dan White.

While not directly connected, the city hall shootings have become tied to the Jonestown deaths by proximity, making November of 1978 remembered as



MARGO HALL, who is an interviewer, writer and actor for the "People's Temple" theatrical production, has a personal connection to the Jonestown tragedy.

the Bay Area's winter of horror. And now, even after a quarter-century, there is still public mourning to be done.

At least that's the feeling among many of those working on a new play about Jonestown. Titled "The People's Temple," it's scheduled to open Wednesday at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, and it will likely open some old wounds in the process.

"For many people around here, the two events are connected in our psyches as the time San Francisco went crazy," says David Dower, head of Z Space Studio, a San Francisco theater company that specializes in developing new works, and which commissioned the writing of what was to become "The People's Temple." "Many people for-

get that during the days between the discoveries of the mass suicide and nine days later when the assassination took place, the numbers kept going up; the body count kept changing."

Four years in making

Dower commissioned Leigh Fondakowski to write the play in 2001, with plans to produce it on the 25th anniversary of the tragedy in 2003. The project had been on his mind from almost the time it happened. He and his wife, Denise Stephenson, were drama students with Rebecca Moore, whose sister, Ann, was living at Jonestown, as a member of the People's Temple. Rebecca Moore's journal, based on correspondence and observations of the era, were a starting point

THEATER PREVIEW

■ WHAT: Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents "The People's Temple," by Leigh Fondakowski, Greg Pierotti, Stephen Wangh and Margo Hall

■ WHEN: Through May 29

■ WHERE: Roda Theatre, 2015

Addison St., Berkeley

■ HOW MUCH: \$10-\$55

■ CONTACT: 510-647-2949, www.berkeleyrep.org

for what was to become more than three years of research and writing.

"That's the part of the story most people don't know anything about, which is the core reason I wanted to commission the part," says Dower. "Having been part of Becky's life at the time her sister died, I knew things about the People's Temple before Jonestown. There was a real disconnect between the press and what I knew from Becky, who gave a voice to the common people (involved in the temple)."

Ann Moore was believed to be one of the final people in Jonestown to die. She died from gunshot wounds, but evidence suggests she had also taken the cyanide. She wrote a letter, presumably before her death, at 24, giving her impression of Jim Jones and his utopian colony.

Where can I begin, she wrote. JONESTOWN — the most peaceful, loving community that ever existed, JIM JONES — the one who made this paradise possible — much to the contrary of the lies

Play touches on disorder

I'M GOING to stick to shore before wading into Joe Penhall's "Blue/Orange" playing through May 13 at Aurora Theatre. There's a deep water out there, a man's dog-paddling kind of psychiatry won't keep out of a treacherous sea. "Blue/Orange" is about borderline personality disorder, possibly schizophrenia. It's a white male shrinks — Ed (Edward Webster) and Rose (Paul Whitworth) — Joe's professional balance and struggling to understand a man from another culture. Christopher, played with remarkable focus and intensity by Paul Oliver, is a strably dotty. He thinks he's blue and that he is the of the exiled Uganda dictator Idi Amin. He is seriously Is the patient ready to be hospital? He is, thinks grous, self-assured Robert not, claims uptight, by Bruce.

But "Blue/Orange" has kind of "split personality" own — to use the popular, incorrect term for certain disorders.

The mental health profession is on trial along with institutionalism. It is also intensely personal tri-comedy of three individuals caught in a tangled net.

Is this ultimately self-clash of wills — no man's jocular — the way to apocalyptic concerns about a stastating illness? Would laugh the same way about Alzheimer's disease?

"Blue/Orange" deserves awards and praise it has received. It is a stunning production director Tom Ross' powerful cast of three brought to the Aurora, is in-the-round for this tight performance in a spare table chairs set.

But it's also a troubling wince-inducing work by jor talent in which the comes with just a twinge quiet.

Plays at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through 15. Tickets are \$36. The Theatre is at 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-843-4343 or visit www.auroratheatre.org.

■ J & H — A CCCT SMASH: An earlier tale "split personality" is on Contra Costa Civic Theatre's 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. And if "Jekyll & Hyde Musical" isn't the best city theater take you've seen on the Robert Louis Stevenson classic by a mile ... well, I'm a poor of distance.

This show's got it all: eye-fel, thanks to Matt P. tricate and flexible double set, and to the elegant costume designs by Tamara Plankers and Jacki Medley. It's an earful, thanks to Les Wildhorn's score and Les Bricusse's lyrics which production an air of light albert in a dark mood.

For a welcome change musicians — Joanne (Jojo) Gabel (board), Roberta Drake (sion), and John Crebbin-Coates (bass) — on stage behind a scrim second level of the set.

But the thumping percussion this captivating "Jekyll & Hyde" is the astonishing performance of Dan LeGate in the of the good doctor and twin. LeGate's transformation in plain sight, though the body changes is a tour of of the first order.

Major female roles are played by Leslie Noel (Jojo) and Jennifer Graham (Jojo) — the top of their games — the whole big cast. And a hearty "hooray" for director Daren A. C. Carolo.

It plays weekends through May 21. Call 510-524-4141 for times and ticket prices.

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Section D

BMW chases its own legendary 5 Series with all-new sedan

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Setting the benchmark other automakers have aspired to, BMW did away with the popular 5 Series. They replaced it with the all-new 2005 5 Series.

The 5 Series has an all-new exterior that reflects the automaker's move forward decisively with change, starting with the 7 Series a few years ago. BMW admits the 5 Series is a hard act to follow. Having driven both the fifth-generation 5 Series and the previous fourth-generation BMW, I can tell you just how hard an act it is to follow.

The exterior styling of the older 5 Series, which ran for seven model years, earned the best look of BMW with its clean, understated and elegant design. Germany's BMW 5 Series defined the look of European styling. And, so other automakers around the world followed the fourth-generation 5 Series as a benchmark for chasing after the design of "European-inspired" when designing their own midsize sedans.

The 2005 5 Series still achieves a very similar statement, but is moving away from its roots and toward a more modern look. With short overhangs and a more rounded exterior body molding, the appearance becomes a kind of homogeneous car-from-anywhere, with the exception of its unmistakable BMW kidney-shaped grille.

The 2005 model is a bigger, roomier than the one it replaces. The subcompact in wheelbase, length and width translated into more rear seat and trunk space. Despite the increases, the 5 Series remains highly maneuverable with a 37-foot turning circle of 37 feet. Interior is exceptionally tasteful and fits the BMW design tradition of understated craftsmanship.

Standard equipment on the 5 Series includes iDrive and Adaptive Drive. This latter feature goes into action

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when the anti-lock braking system is activated, or anytime the sedan is under heavy braking, and displays an enlarged illuminated taillight area — wider than the normal brakelights. Drivers following behind the BMW are alerted to emergency braking.

The 5 Series sedan is available in three models. The 525i is priced at \$41,999, including the \$695 destination charge; the 530i is priced at \$46,095; and the powerful 545i is priced much higher at \$56,495. The 525i and 530i are equipped with inline six-cylinder engines, while the top-of-the-line 545i houses a 4.4-liter V8 engine that produces 325 horsepower. The mid-range 530i is rated to deliver 225 hp. My tester was the base model 525i, which included \$9,400 in optional equipment, bringing the as-tested price to \$51,395.

The 525i features a 24-valve, dual overhead cam, 2.5-liter six-cylinder engine with feedback fuel injection and is mated to one of three transmission offerings: the six-speed manual, six-speed automatic or Sequential Manual Gearbox. The 2.5 inline six generates a horsepower rating of 184 at 6,000 rpm and 175 pounds-foot of torque at 3,500 rpm.

The 525i tester was equipped with the optional \$1,275 six-speed automatic transmission and achieved fuel economy ratings of 19 miles per gallon city and 28 mpg highway. I would suspect the automatic transmission is a very popular option among 5 Series buyers for the reasons that the SMG is a specialty transmission which appeals to a selective, targeted driver, and most drivers in the midsize sedan segment aren't interested in operating a six-speed manual gearbox.

Time marches on and so has the 5 Series. But the 1997 through 2003 fourth-generation 5 Series holds my heart.



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Horsepower	184 at 6,000 rpm
Torque	175 at 3,500 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed automatic
Wheelbase	114 inches
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Curb Weight	3,450 pounds
Fuel Capacity	19 gallons

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An American in Europe falls for the classic 1960 Skoda Felicia

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

As the Iron Curtain across Europe rusted away more than a decade ago, Jim Donley's job took him to the Czech Republic. At that time, Donley observed, the typical Czech mentality regarding cars was similar to the Cuban mentality of today about automobiles — do whatever it takes to keep your car operational. Consequently, a plethora of vintage cars populated the Czech streets, many of them drab little sedans.

Occasionally, Donley would spot an old Skoda Felicia convertible. The flashy convertibles always stood out in any crowd of automobiles. "What an awesome car," thought Donley whenever he saw one on the road. He located a Czech talented in all things automotive and explained that he wanted a 1960 Skoda Felicia convertible restored to like-new condition. "Would that be possible?" he asked. "Of course. Not to worry," was the confident response.

Two antique Skodas were acquired and merged to make one complete car. The 1.1-liter, 50-horsepower, four-cylinder engine was overhauled and the four-speed manual transmission was rebuilt as well. "You don't win any drag races in this car," Donley says.

The shift pattern is the familiar "H" pattern, but with first gear at the upper right and fourth gear at the lower left. Reverse is to the far left and then back toward the rear of the car.

The same fabric that covers the front bucket seats and the rear bench seat is also used on the side panels and door panels, as well as the blank plate that fills the rectangular space on the dashboard where an optional radio

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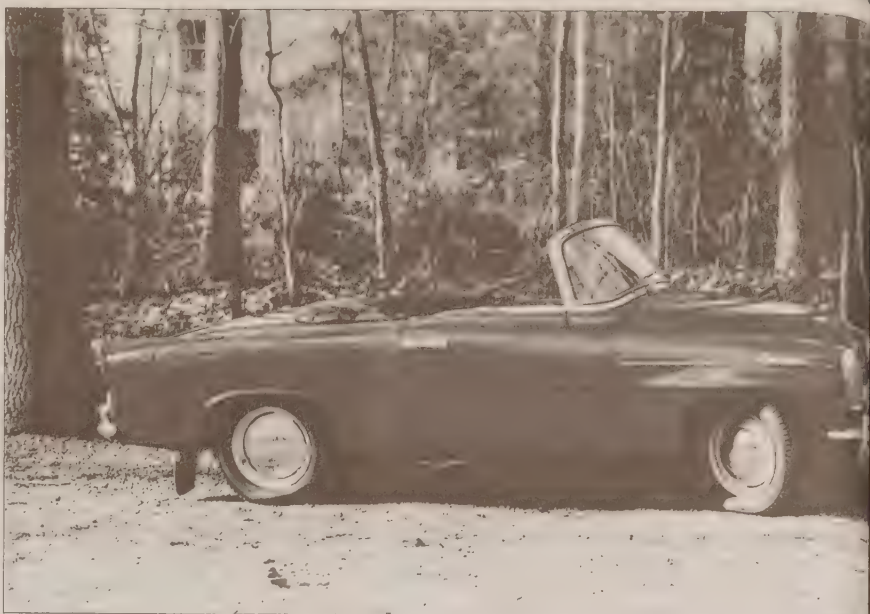
would be located.

None of the seats has a headrest, but the door panels have convenient storage pockets. On the dashboard to the left of the black two-spoke steering wheel with its 360-degree black horn ring is the ignition switch. It's next to a lever protruding from the dashboard that operates the turn signals, up for left and down for right.

All of the instrumentation is clustered in front of the driver around the 140-kilometer speedometer, which translates to a top speed of about 85 mph. Donley doubts that he could ever push the chrome-plated accelerator far enough to achieve such a speed.

On the side of the car at the right end of the rear seat is a metal ring dangling on a wire. A sharp tug on the ring releases the door covering the gas cap on the right rear fender. Opening the left door exposes the doorjamb on which is cleverly hidden a lever that opens the trunk lid. Once the trunk is open, the spare tire can be seen in its space on the floor and what appears to be a 6.5-gallon gasoline can mounted on the inside of the right rear fender.

Under the engine hood at the other end of the almost 13-foot-long Skoda is an Autopal brass radiator. On a structural cross member at the top of the radiator is a small pulley around which is a wire. Following the wire down to the bottom of the radiator, we find it is attached to a window shade-like affair that can be raised by pulling on the other end, which is at the driver's fingertips inside the cockpit. In the cold winter this apparatus helps maintain the



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engine temperature. Crowning the small engine are two chrome-plated air cleaners, each feeding a single carburetor.

The manually operated convertible top is raised or lowered with a small amount of effort. A black boot secured by 15 snaps covers the top when it is lowered. The 45-year-old

Skoda features independent rear suspension.

Donley left the country before the car was completed, but returned a year or so later. He says the finished car looked better than when it left the Kvasiny factory in Mlada Boleslav in 1960. In the spring of 2001 the car was trucked to Amsterdam and then

shipped to Baltimore, Md. Donley rented a truck on which to transport his Skoda home. He wanted to check the steering and brakes before trusting it on the highway.

On occasional fair-weather days Donley drives his convertible to work. "I love going out in that car," he says. He is easy to identify. He's

the one in the red car with the label "SKODA."

For your car to become a subject of the Classic Classics, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view), brief details and phone number to Vern Parker, 2221 Abbotsford, Vienna, VA 22181. Only good quality will be con-

Check cooling system of very hot running engine

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 1974 Dodge Charger, which I purchased new in 1974. The original engine was the 360 V8. In 1984, I had a 440 V8 installed. The only problem it has had is that it runs very hot during the summer in stop-and-go traffic. The engine gets so hot that I have to turn off the a/c and turn on the heater to help cool the engine down. I have replaced the radiator with a triple core and still have the hot-running condition. Summer is around the corner and I would like to enjoy the car. — Jerry

Dear Jerry: The first step is to make sure there are no hydrocar-

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bons in the cooling system. You need to check the basics: the engine must have a 160-degree thermostat, or a reducer in place of the thermostat. Many people simply take the thermostat out. This can cause the coolant to flow too quickly through the cooling system. Secondly, the water pump impeller may be worn. There are aftermarket water pumps that move coolant a lot faster than the stock water pump. The size of the mechanical fan and distance from the radiator can also be a concern. In many

older performance cars, I have installed electric cooling fans while leaving the original mechanical fan in place. In addition to the manual on/off switch, the electric cooling fan should be temperature activated to turn on at a preset temperature.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Cadillac Seville SLS. The problem is the engine uses a gallon of coolant every two weeks. There are no signs of any leaks or smoke out the tail pipe. — Willie

Dear Willie: The Cadillac Northstar engine has had some problems with poor cylinder heads and head gasket failure. Have a hydrocarbon test done on the cooling system. I would bet there are traces of ex-

haust gases, aka hydrocarbon, in the cooling system causing the loss of coolant. There is no easy fix or chemical that will resolve the problem without major expense.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Mitsubishi Galant with 89,000 miles. At 84,000 miles I had the timing belt replaced. When the car is in park with the defroster on, the engine occasionally stalls. I can restart the engine and it will be fine. Is the engine idle speed too low? — Glen

Dear Glen: At 89,000 miles there is a good chance the throttle body is dirty and needs a cleaning. Another consideration is the idle speed or idle air motor. There is also a possibility the curb idle speed may

be too low.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Ford F-150 4x4 with 68,000 miles. The digital odometer flashes the mileage and then error 3. I have talked with the dealer and he said the parts are discontinued. What can I do? — Lee

Dear Lee: Digital dash cluster failure is more common than you think. Either remove or send out the dash cluster for repair or exchange. Another alternative is getting a used cluster from a salvage yard. Keep in mind the cluster mileage will differ, which means the mileage on your truck will not be true. A rebuilt cluster will be set with the actual mileage.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Honda CR-V with 96,000 miles. The CR-V has been trouble free. My neighbor owns a similar

Honda and told me to time the timing belt before it was said it is a common Honda vehicle. — Rick

Dear Rick: The first about your neighbor. He understand that Honda have a common timing belt of any kind. Timing belt failure can lead to serious engine damage on regular intervals, and engines with timing belts are non-interference engines will suffer major damage if timing belts fail. It is imperative to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for belt replacement.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Copart Circle, Lakewood, CO 80226.

Mitsubishi is not going down without a fight

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

I should rename my column, "Can this brand be saved?" I seem to be writing often about troubled automotive companies and considering their future prospects. The latest brand to go under my microscope is Mitsubishi.

To put it mildly, Mitsubishi is in deep trouble, both in Japan and in U.S. In Japan, Mitsubishi's car-making unit is hemorrhaging red ink, and the company has been rocked by scandals involving cover-ups of product flaws that have led to accidents. Management shuffling and restructuring plans have been put into place.

In the U.S., Mitsubishi now sells about half the vehicles it once did. At its peak, it sold more than 300,000 vehicles a year; last year, it sold 161,609, and about 30 percent of those were to rental and company fleets, which don't generate as much income as retail sales and damage residual values and image.

Rumors persist that Mitsubishi will be the next brand to go away and that Mitsubishi is quietly looking for a buyer for its U.S. manufacturing operation in Normal, Ill. Mitsubishi denies any intentions of exiting the U.S. and any pursuit of such a plant sale.

Enter the new U.S. management team at Mitsubishi. Rich Gilligan, a Mitsubishi manufacturing guy since 1998 who spent three decades with Ford, was promoted to president and CEO of Mitsubishi Motors North America in January. He replaced

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Hyundai wizard Finbarr O'Neill, who bailed from Mitsubishi after only 16 months at the helm.

The parent company sent Hideyasu Tagaya from Japan to serve as chairman of North American operations. In addition, Gilligan is building his own team. He recruited Mercedes-Benz marketing exec Dave Schembri, who was in charge of the Smart brand in the U.S., to be the new head of sales and marketing.

This new management team is very optimistic about Mitsubishi's fortunes in the U.S. They note that despite the parent company's woes, Mitsubishi in Japan remains the world's 12th largest corporation. They insist Mitsubishi has strong product now and has even more and stronger products coming in the future, a vital key to every auto company turnaround.

Indeed, Mitsubishi has a trio of promising new models coming this year. In June, Mitsubishi introduces the long-awaited, next-generation Eclipse coupe. In October, it launches the newest and ninth version of its Lancer Evolution, a car — known as the Evo — that has achieved cult status with young drivers. In the fall, the Raider midsize pickup truck goes on sale. It marks Mitsubishi's first pickup truck since the 1990s. While the Raider is a Mitsubishi version of the Dodge Dakota, it has enough styling dif-



IN THE FALL, the Raider midsize pickup truck goes on sale. It is Mitsubishi's first pickup truck since the 1990s.

ferentiation to make it interesting.

The new product will be accompanied by new advertising beginning in June from a new ad agency, BBDO. In the ads, the cars — not the discount deals or long warranties — will be the stars, Schembri said. "The most aggressive product offensive in Mitsubishi history," as Gilligan calls it, will continue into 2006. Upcoming models include the 2006 Eclipse Spyder

next April, a special-edition Galant next May and the freshened Endeavor, Outlander and Lancer in the 2006 model year.

In addition to products, Mitsubishi's new officials see other promising signs. Mitsubishi has a long, mostly successful sales track record in the U.S. where it has sold four million vehicles since it came here in 1982; of those, half remain on the road.

Mitsubishi has established a strong position in the market as fun cars for youth. In fact, Mitsubishi and VW vie for the title of youngest average buyers at 39 years of age; Toyota's Scion is at 40, says Schembri. Further, its young image attracts "fun-seeking" buyers — like baby boomers who refuse to grow up — of all ages, he added.

Mitsubishi has a strong retail network with 70 percent of its dealers

having Mitsubishi-exclusive ships, they say. Standalone dealerships are always considered plus for carmakers as they can focus their attention on their own products.

Turnarounds do happen. Look at Chrysler, Nissan, and the Mitsubishi. Out. Indeed, turnaround is not a new thing. Only time will tell which category Mitsubishi

The Shelby Cobra GT500 is hot

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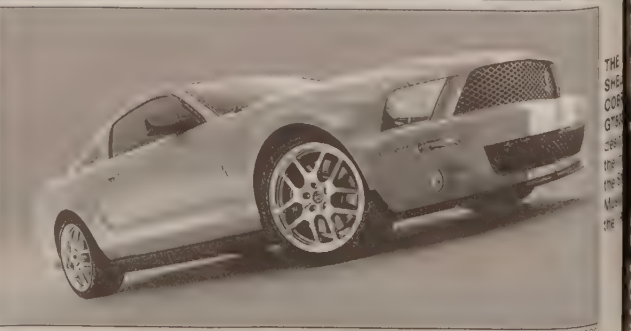
March sales up

After two months of disappointing sales, consumers did an about-face in March and purchased 1.6 million new cars and trucks — 68,800 — 4.6 percent more vehicles than in the same month last year. Paul Taylor, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association, said sales should continue to improve in April as frigid temperatures subside

in the East and Midwest and make car shopping more appealing. Source: NADA

Safety awards

The 2005 Acura MDX earned the highest possible ratings awarded during the most recent frontal crash tests conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The MDX scored the top rating of "five stars" for both driver and front passenger safety. Acura's MDX had already achieved 5-star ratings during NHTSA's side-impact tests.



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Range Rover for 2006 the pinnacle of luxury

DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

1948 when the first Land Rover made its world debut at the London Auto Show. It was a piece of hardware that could be made to do anything, and it could be made to do it with the judicious use of a hose.

Land Rover evolved through generations with more comfort, without losing performance. By 1959, Land Rovers were on the road. By 1966 it was a half million with the Land Rover's pressure was on within organization to move the scale.

Land Rover engineers new concept for the off-road vehicle. It was the Range Rover, as some have called it, as some have called it, as some have called it.

Land Rover was sold (as part of the Rover Group) by British Aerospace in 1994. By 2000, the partnership between Rover and BMW was over, and the Rover was sold to Ford, and part of the Premier Automotive Group, joining Aston Martin, Lincoln and Volvo.

Most recent redesign of the Range Rover took place in 2002. The new Range Rover engine was redesigned by BMW, a partnership that lasts through the model year. But for 2006, the changes to make the Range Rover seem like an all-

foot of torque. You might think this premium engine would deliver "monster mash" performance, but Range Rover's designers are quick to point out that it delivers "effortless acceleration" instead.

For the 2006 Range Rover, the Jaguar-sourced engines have been further developed to offer more torque at lower speeds and to operate at more extreme angles to handle tough off-roading. They have enhanced protection from dust and rocks, and are also better water-proofed for Land Rover's tough river-wading requirements. Even with their increased performance, the up-graded engines achieve better fuel economy than the outgoing V8.

Both engines are connected to a new six-speed automatic transmission, derived from the existing five-speed ZF gearbox. It uses an electronically controlled center differential, with the added feature of a dashboard display that shows the status of the entire four-wheel drive system. Adaptive shift control tailors up- and downshifts to conform to different driving styles. Low range is available at the touch of a button for extreme off-roading.

While the new powertrains will probably get the most attention, there are numerous other changes that, by themselves, are less no-

iceable, but when combined, add significantly to both performance and luxury. A second-generation stability control uses fiber optics to speed up response time without being intrusive.

The steering system has been recalibrated for better feel and the four-corner air suspension has been modified for better on- and off-road performance and comfort. The supercharged version gets performance Brembo front brakes for better stopping capability, and a beefed-up suspension that delivers flatter handling during high-speed turns. For example, sway bars are 35 percent larger up front, and 100 percent larger in the rear to minimize roll, while at the same time maintaining the good ride characteristics of the naturally aspirated model.

The 2006 Range Rover is not only faster, it's quieter. The new engines offer better noise, vibration and harshness qualities and are better isolated from the interior. Front side glass is now laminated to cut out more external sound and the profile of the A-pillar has been modified to reduce wind noise.

"Supreme breadth of capability is a hallmark of the Range Rover," says Matthew Taylor, managing director for Land Rover. "It is outstanding both on- and off-road, and inspires a sense of well-being no matter what the conditions. The arrival of the supercharged model with its extra power reinforces the Range Rover's status at the head of the premium SUV sector. Yet, as always, the Range Rover is a vehicle that is never out of place. It is just as much at home in the outback as at the opera."



FOR THE 2006 MODEL YEAR, there are enough changes to make the Range Rover seem like an all-new vehicle.

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EL CERRITO

5439 Barrett Av - \$545,000
 507 Colusa Av - \$618,000
 6433 Hagen Bl - \$350,000
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1121 40th 2207 - \$485,500
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KENSINGTON

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2957 106th Av - \$350,000
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PIEDMONT

9 Abbott Wy - \$1,650,000
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RICHMOND

130 15th St - \$370,000
 234 15th St - \$466,000
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1552 141st Av - \$455,000
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 2460 Belvedere - \$385,000
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 543 Fortuna Av - \$575,000
 947 Helen Av - \$495,000
 15445 Heron Dr - \$610,000
 823 Hutchings Dr - \$612,000
 494 Juana Av - \$485,000
 777 Maud Av - \$425,000
 229 Myers Ct - \$579,000
 136 Oakes Bl - \$620,000
 2191 Placer Dr - \$431,000
 16345 Saratoga 103E - \$348,000

2348 Seacrest Ct - \$750,000

SAN LORENZO

118 Loma Verde Dr - \$353,000
 15732 Via Sonata - \$541,000
 40 Via Verde - \$535,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$902,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$685,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$648,556

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$337,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$685,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$486,800

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
 LOWEST PRICE: \$460,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,119,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$680,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$747,676

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$621,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$618,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$533,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$550,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$561,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$0
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$555,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$238,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$637,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$480,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$419,917

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$751,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$925,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 81
 LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,615,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$465,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$546,025

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$854,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,650,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,252,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 39
 LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$856,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$445,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$464,372

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 16
 LOWEST PRICE: \$348,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$511,750

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$353,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$541,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$535,000
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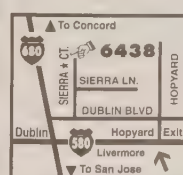
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Why is my brake fluid low?

BY BRAD BERGHOLDT
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Q I just had my Pontiac Grand Prix serviced at a quick lube shop, and they told me my brake fluid needed to be refilled. They said they didn't do that there, and I would need to do so myself or have it done elsewhere.

I'm concerned about why the fluid was low. Could I have a leak? My owner's manual says leakage is very serious and should be checked out right away. My car only has 25,000 miles and I am surprised it should have any trouble this soon. What do you think should be done?

— Christina Weiss, New Almaden

A The only excuse I can think of for not topping off a vehicle's fluid reservoir would be if it was a specialized/proprietary fluid, which might not be kept in stock. The vast majority of vehicles use DOT 3 or DOT 4 (Department of Transportation) brake fluid, which is very standard stuff.

Perhaps the quick lube chain's legal department is afraid that by adding brake fluid they could be encouraging you to drive farther with an unrepaired brake problem. Never mind they sent you back out on the road with a low fluid reservoir and no explanation

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as to why.

Why was your brake fluid low? It's quite normal for a vehicle equipped with disc brakes to incur a moderate decline (25 percent to 30 percent) in fluid reservoir level over a period of 25,000 or more miles. Unlike a drum brake system, a disc brake's caliper pistons don't fully retract as the pedal is released. As the brake pads wear thinner, the pistons remain extended, and reservoir fluid is drawn into the system to fill the void.

If your fluid level was moderately low, it's quite likely that you have no leak, but that your brake fluid has harmlessly relocated. If the fluid level was substantially down, seek a brake-repair facility right away.

Could you have a leak? Yes, it's possible. Here's a way to find out. With the engine running and the vehicle at rest, apply and hold the brake pedal with all your might, noting its position. If after 10 to 20 seconds, the pedal sinks or the brake warning lamp illuminates, you've got a very serious problem. If not, I'd attribute the fluid loss to re-

location. In doubt, inspection of the brake system components, hoses and fittings should be made, noting any wetness.

Topping off the fluid reservoir is a good idea, to ensure an adequate supply of this essential fluid. Although when new, thicker brake pads are installed, and the caliper pistons are manually pushed back to their fully retracted position, an excess of reservoir fluid will result, requiring suctioning and disposal.

Can you top off the brake fluid yourself? Sure, just be careful to use the manufacturer's specified brake fluid. DOT 4 brake fluid supersedes and is superior to DOT 3 and is fully compatible with existing older fluid. Accidentally adding other fluids or lubricants to the brake reservoir (it happens) can result in brake failure and a very expensive repair bill.

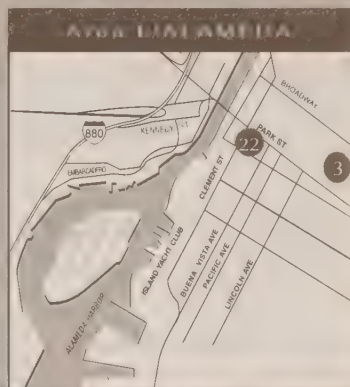
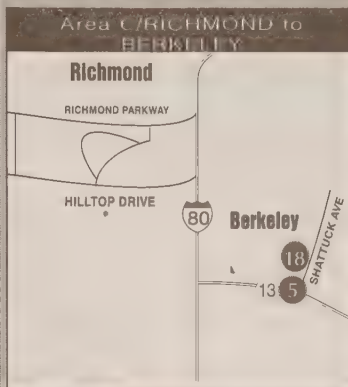
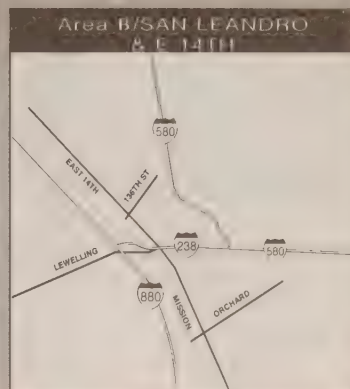
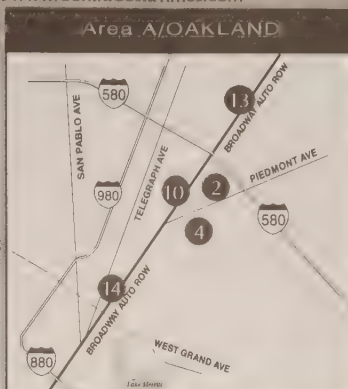
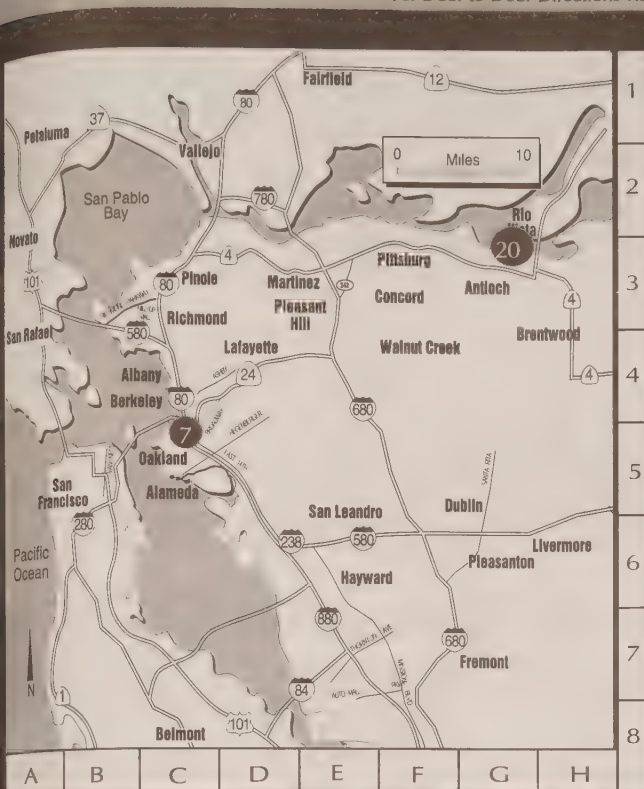
When topping off the fluid reservoir, be careful not to spill brake fluid on painted surfaces, and fully seal the container when finished. Brake fluid absorbs moisture, so it's not a good idea to use any that's been sitting around on the garage shelf unless it's well sealed.

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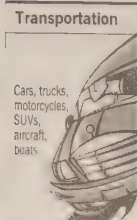
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Shopping Plus

Friday, April 22, 2005

Look inside for local advertising circulars every Friday

Clean up with garage sales

Big bucks may be lurking in your basement. All that stuff you've packed away has profit potential as merchandise in a garage or yard sale. But before you toss your wares on the lawn and slap up a sign, consider this: You'll make the most money if your sale is well-planned, well-organized and well-advertised.

Here are some tips to get you started, gathered from "Garage Sale Magic!" by Michael and Pam Williams, "How to Have High Dollar Garage Sales" by Jean Hines, "The Garage Sale Handbook" by Peggy Hitchcock, and Chris Heiska, creator of the Web site www.yardsalequeen.com.

Start preparing several weeks in advance. Pick a date first, making sure to check a community calendar to avoid conflicts. Call your town hall to ask whether your community requires permits or has sign restrictions or other regulations.

Because bigger sales attract more customers, recruit one or two other families to go in on your sale, or offer to sell your neighbors' stuff for a commission. Launder or clean all the items you're planning to sell. Polish the furniture. Repair things if you can; if you can't, mark them as broken.

Recruit at least one person to help on sale day. You'll appreciate the extra hands, not to mention the company.

A newspaper ad is a must. Advertise in the area paper that carries the most garage- or yard-sale ads, because that's undoubtedly the paper regulars check.

Last big-ticket items in the ad as well as popular goods such as collectibles. If yours is a multifamily sale, a moving sale or an estate sale, mention that.

Be sure to include the days, times and location, along with directions if the house is hard to find. To deter early browsers, you might give the general location — for example, "the block of Main Street" — instead of your house number. Don't publish your phone number.

Take advantage of free advertising, too. Tack up index cards on community bulletin boards, and ask to put posters in store windows.

Price everything with stickers, or post signs for groups of items that are the same price. If you want to save some effort, use different-color adhesive dots, and post a sign showing the price that corresponds with each color.

Expect to sell most good-quality items for 70 to 25 percent of their original value. Ask more than that for newer items, collectibles and antiques, and less for outdated or worn items. Price clothing, shoes and trinkets even lower.

A well-organized sale is the key to bigger profits

BY MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

A few days ahead of time, make signs to post at the ends of your street and on busy streets and intersections within several blocks of your home. Make one for in front of your house, and attach balloons to it.

Signs should be neat, easy to read from the street and not too involved. Use black lettering and arrows to point the way. Your sign can be as simple as a paper grocery bag with "yard sale" and an arrow on it. Weight the bag, staple it shut and set it by the curb.

Post the signs the night before the sale or early that morning, and be sure to take them down when the sale ends.

A clean, well-organized sale attracts customers. Make sure the garage is straightened and the floor clean, and wipe off or cover display tables.

Put the most desirable items out front, and organize the rest by category (toys, kitchen items, sporting goods, etc.). Place electrical items near an outlet or extension cord so customers can test them.

Spread items out as much as possible, using blankets on the lawn as display space if necessary. Hang clothes from a rack or clothesline.

Set up a checkout station with a table and at least one chair, a cash box, a notebook to keep track of sales and a couple of pens. Other items that are nice to have at the table are a tape measure, wet wipes or tissues, scrap paper and pencils for customers' use, plastic grocery bags, newspaper for wrapping breakables and a calculator.

Have plenty of change on hand at the start of the day, in small denominations. A good amount is \$28 in \$1 bills, \$5 in quarters, \$5 in dimes and \$2 in nickels. Include a few fives and tens if you have higher-priced items.

You can bet early birds will be there the instant your garage door opens. Prepare for them by setting your advertised starting time one hour later than you really want the sale to start.

Be firm with early birds. If you're not ready to sell, don't. If you are ready, sell only for the price on the sticker — no negotiating. Or tell early birds the price is double before the sale's starting time. Make sure one person staffs the cash box station at all times, and lock the doors to the house. If a customer asks to use your bathroom, direct him or her to a store, gas station or fast-food restaurant. If you do let a customer inside, make sure a helper accompanies the person.

Don't change big bills. If a customer has nothing smaller, ask him to get change at a bank or store.

Chances are no one's going to try to swindle you at your own garage sale, but it's always wise to be cautious. After all the work of preparing, you want to be able to enjoy your profits — every cent of them.

Online auctions offer a 21st-century alternative

BY MARY BETH BRECKENRIDGE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

You don't need to bother with yard signs, classified ads and pesky early birds if you hold your garage sale online.

Internet auctions are an increasingly popular way to unload the excess that crowds our closets. An online auction is a fairly easy and inexpensive way to sell, and "it opens up the item to a worldwide market," said John Jackley, owner of USAWeb.com, an Arizona company that operates the Internet Auction List (<http://InternetAuctionList.com>).

Jackley knows that from experience. He once bought a telescope at a garage sale for \$300 and sold it for \$1,200 on eBay.

Though eBay is the biggest of the online auctions, it's hardly the only one. Jackley estimates between 300 and 500 auction sites are on the Internet, many of them dealing only in certain types of items.

Most of the auctions work in pretty much the same way: Users register first, then they can list items for sale by providing descriptions and digital photos of the items. Sellers are responsible for packaging and shipping their items, although many tack that cost onto the sale price.

Don't want to risk letting your "Meet the Beatles" album go for a pittance? You can set your own price at online stores such as eBay's Half.com (half.ebay.com). Half.com has a cata-

log of product descriptions and photos for many of the items sold on the site, which makes it even easier for a member to list an item for sale.

Some online auction sites and stores let sellers set up online payment accounts, which simplify the payment process. Instead of waiting for checks to clear or processing credit-card numbers, the seller gets paid instantly by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from a bank account.

Beats doling nickels out of a cash box, doesn't it?

Still, unlike setting up a table in your yard, selling online isn't free. The sites usually charge the sellers one or more fees, such as a listing fee or a percentage of the sale price.

Neither are the sites any guarantee against unscrupulous people. Just as a dishonest buyer can con you at a garage sale, he can do the same on an auction site by failing to pony up the payment or alleging he never received the item.

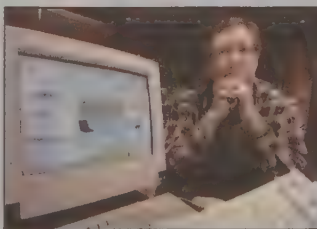
Here are some tips for selling on an Internet site, compiled from information from the Better Business Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, Internet Fraud Watch and hard-earned experience:

Be accurate and honest in describing the item you're selling. Include all terms of the sale and who will pay shipping costs.

Respond quickly to bidders' questions. Contact the high bidder as soon as possible after the auction closes to confirm details of the sale.

If the site has a customer feedback system that rates buyers, check it out. You may not be able to control who bids highest on your item, but you can be warned of potential trouble and take precautions. Keep in mind, however, that both glowing and negative reports can be planted.

Be especially cautious when dealing with buyers in other countries. If you have a problem with an auction transaction, the physical distance, difference in legal systems and other factors could make resolving it even more difficult.



Be careful out there: Craig Rettmer, of Kansas City, Mo., lost \$605 when he tried to buy a camcorder on eBay, only to find that he was a victim of auction fraud, a trend that is increasing as the Internet grows.

Avoid cash payments. If there's a dispute later, you'll have a hard time proving a how much was paid. Credit cards are quicker than waiting for a check or money order in the mail, and they avoid the problem of bad checks.

Consider using an escrow service. For a small fee, it holds the buyer's payment and forwards it to the seller once the buyer receives and approves the item. Sellers may find escrow services less expensive than participating in the credit card payment system, and they avoid the problems of bad checks or stolen credit cards. Escrow services may also referee disputes. Ask if the service is licensed and bonded and how you can confirm that with the appropriate agency.

Ship the merchandise as soon as you receive payment.

Get a tracking number, and keep the postage receipt. For 50 cents (40 cents for Priority Mail), the U.S. Postal Service will assign your package a delivery confirmation number. It enables you to go online later or call a toll-free number and get confirmation that the package was delivered.

Let the auction site know if you have a problem. Some sites investigate problems such as buyers who act in bad faith.

Try mediation to resolve disputes. Some auction sites provide links to third-party mediation services. There may be a small fee, usually paid by the party who requests the mediation.

Ty Pennington's line of bedding, bath and tabletop accessories to debut at Sears

SEARS/TY PENNINGTON STYLE

Designer Ty Pennington's line of bedding, bath and tabletop accessories, as well as the coordinating paint color palette that inspired the designs, is scheduled to debut exclusively at Sears stores nationwide this month. The new home fashions line, Ty Pennington Style, will help those seeking a fresh new look at home rediscover the excitement of shopping at Sears.

Pennington's product line is the latest highlight of his partnership with Sears, which began in June 2004 and has so far included his involvement in Sears' community outreach initiatives, merchandising and integrated marketing programs. Each of his seven collections include a bedding set and accessories such as rugs, pillows, bed skirts and valences; bath accessories and tabletop accents.



SEARS/TY PENNINGTON STYLE

ACCESSORIES FROM THE Ty Pennington Style collections people to create rooms for them.

The new paint palette comprises 32 colors. Ty Pennington Style will be available at select Sears stores nationwide starting in April 2005 and will be offered online at sears.com.

Pennington, host of the ABC-TV breakout hit "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," is known to have an intuitive feel for how people want to live today. "Like me, I think Sears totally gets today's families and their desire to create modern, casual living spaces," Pennington said. "As part of the Sears design team I'm celebrating Sears as the good life partner at home and at play, full of new ideas, exciting products and a tremendous sense of style."

With his seven new lifestyle collections, as well as the new paint palette, those seeking a fresh, casual look for their homes have a new, imaginative resource. Each collection uses colors, pattern and texture — but with a twist that lends them a fresh new look and feel. Whether it's a quirky combination of "tandoori" and "tangelo" or "baja" and "tortuga teal," unusual microsuede with barrato stitching, or embossed-leather-look dinnerware, all of Pennington's designs are unique yet familiar, cool yet casual, and all with his personal sense of style.

Designed to make a person's home comfortable, conversational and cool, Ty Pennington Style doesn't dictate how to live or even how to decorate — but it will help people convey their personal style and provide simple design solutions for their homes.

Ultimately, Ty Pennington Style from Sears is all about empowering

themselves and their families that make life more interesting and more fun.

Following are Pennington's observations about each of his new collections for Sears:

Red Dragon

Sleep is so mysterious, and dreams so spontaneous that I wanted to create a collection that would encourage both — that's why I designed the Red Dragon collection. Even the name — Red Dragon — invokes the unknown. Detailed in red and black and tempered with gray and white, Red Dragon is my idea of hip: sleek, with a slightly Asian feel, yet a bit impulsive and full of surprises. I designed Red Dragon to not only add interest to a space but, like paintings I've created — to continuously reinvigorate it.

Caliente Stripe

I like stripes because they pulsate with energy — and that's what I'm all about. Stripes cut across boundaries — through their familiarity they connect us to ourselves and to one another. The stripes in my Caliente Stripe collection — in hot oranges and peppery reds — are clean-lined when seen up close, yet from a distance they create an interplay of light and dark that suggests movement and intrigue. I think the Caliente Stripe collection is for those who want their homes to reflect where their imagination takes them.

Lemongrass

Like lemongrass itself, my Lemongrass collection was designed to be the subtle but key ingredient that inspires a quietly beautiful creation — or its perfect finishing touch. I might zig and zag all day, and sometimes all night, but when I'm at home, I need things that will help me mellow out — rooms outfitted with discreet textures, understated details like embroidery, and natural colors that are easy on the eyes. My Lemongrass collection was created to provide calm transition from one place to another.

Bali Hai

Think of the word "lush" and it's virtually impossible to not think of flowers — not polite little flowers in a well-tended garden, but big, robust wild flowers — overgrown, unpretentious, even kind of romantic. That's what I was trying to express with the Bali Hai collection.

Flowers, yes, but in a new and different style, something you haven't seen before: bold — even graphic — and in colors that are more reminiscent of the beach on an island in the South Pacific than a garden, an unusual treatment that may make you do a double take. Bali Hai is my way of bringing

the outdoors in.

Chocolate

I like to think I'm both earthy and urbane, and I like rooms that reflect that feeling, too. That's why I designed the Chocolate collection, based on a combination of color and texture, including a great microsuede that's simultaneously down-to-earth, sophisticated and modern. Tangy, dark chocolate plays off cool watery blue, creating a visual balance that pleases the eye because it speaks to a longing deep within us to be at peace with our natural surroundings. The Chocolate collection is

unaffected and genuine, just as we like to think of ourselves, just as we want our homes to be.

Plum Crazy

Sometimes I just wanna have fun. That's what my Plum Crazy collection is about. Great looking but never serious, in a funny sort of way its 1960s groove is totally today. It's color and texture and even fun! It's retro future — what yesterday we thought tomorrow would look like. It's calling in sick and cooing up with a stack of magazines — or the dog. It's stylish and young, youthful and truthful and full of enthusiasm. I de-

signed the Plum Crazy collection for when I'm tired of being for when I just wanna have

Luscious Lava

The way the colors swirl in this collection slowly lava, how it bursts in and then gently flows. That sensation I was trying to create. Luscious Lava collection is an alternating feeling of calm and calm. I think the Luscious Lava color ensures the collection make a statement both subtle at the same time



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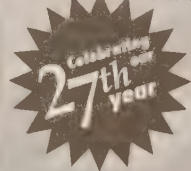
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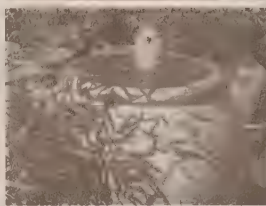


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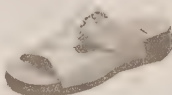
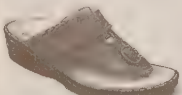
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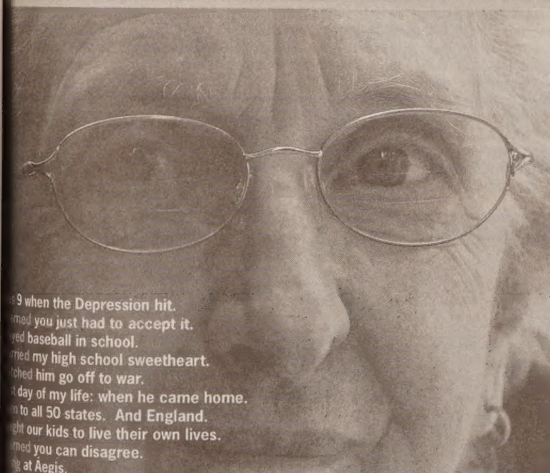
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The fact is, most people with irrigation systems water their yards inaccurately. They are wasting water and not helping the plants as much as they might hope. But getting the most accurate and beneficial watering schedule is no easy task. Experts suggest using evapotranspiration rates, calculating landscape coefficients and knowing the root zone depth for each type of plant in the yard.

Or, if you don't have a science degree, you could take the low-tech approach: Run your sprinklers, time how long it takes for puddles to form on the ground, and then guess how long they should run each week.

Sound time consuming and confusing? It is. But never fear, because technology has come to the

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Agricultural professionals have used computer-based systems for years, and now one manufacturer is bringing the technology to homeowners.

One example of a new computer-based irrigation management system is the Toro ECXTRA suite. The first to hit the market, the suite has three separate components — Scheduling Advisor software, the Time Pod transport module, and the ECXTRA timer — that work together to make creating a home watering schedule easy.

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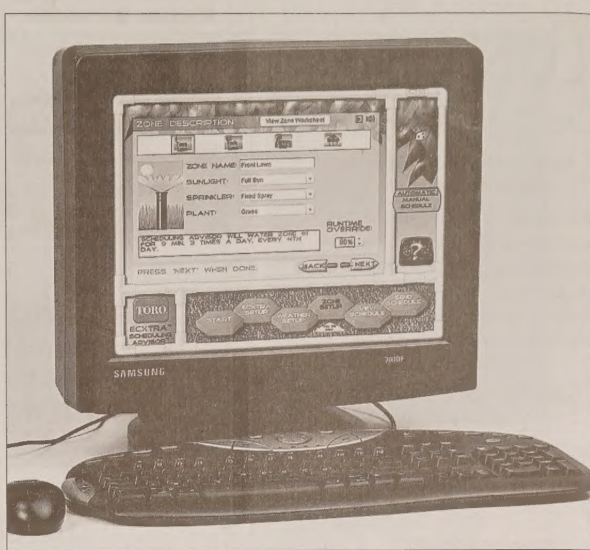
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Once the Scheduling Advisor software has created a customized schedule, the information is loaded into the Time Pod transport module. The Time Pod is essentially a portable memory drive that links your home computer to the ECXTRA timer that you install in your garage. Touch one button and the Time Pod automatically transfers the irrigation schedule from the computer to the timer.

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Hiving is in

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TOLEDO, Ohio — Here's the latest buzz. Hiving is in. This term isn't referring to the habitual patterns of insects. Rather, consumer trend forecasters coined hiving to describe ways that consumers interact with their homes. And like bees, consumers today are using their homes as a hub of activity, opening their doors to their neighbors

and family, and expressing their creativity through home entertainment.

Companies that sell products for home entertainment are seeing evidence of this trend. According to Robert Zollweg, creative director for Libbey Inc., a leading provider of tableware products, focus group studies conducted by Libbey have shown that consumers approach mealtime and home entertainment as mini-events, and they want products that can help them create an atmosphere and set a tone — be it for an everyday family dinner, an informal gathering of friends or a formal dinner party. However, they

want these forms of expression to be affordable, and they don't want to spend a lot of time doing it.

"As interest in home entertainment has grown, tableware has elevated in status from a commodity product to a critical accessory that can be dressed up or down quickly and easily to create a mood or support a theme," Zollweg said. "Multiple use is important. Our consumers take pride in taking products and finding non-traditional, decorative ways of using them to create a special event in their home."

According to a recent report re-

leased by Yankelovich Partners, a marketing research and consulting firm that monitors consumer trends, gone are the days of cocooning — a trend that grew significantly following September 11 when consumers isolated themselves in their homes and focused on home-based, family-centric activities — and in are the days of hiving, linked to consumers' renewed interest in reaching out and connecting with the community while still taking pride and comfort in their home.

In fact, 65 percent of consumers entertain regularly at home, according to Yankelovich data. That figure jumps up to 71 percent for Generation Xers, the generation of 25- to 37-year-olds born in the post-baby boom era.

But research also indicates that consumers aren't just serving pizza out of the box and opening up a bag of chips. Rather, home entertainment has become an expression of self, an outlet for creativity — perhaps due to the influx of television programming teaching us all how to be better hosts and hostesses.

For example, Zollweg said margarita glasses aren't just used for serving margaritas anymore. Peo-

ple are adorning them with potatoes, shrimp cocktails and dip as a festive hors d'oeuvre for a party. Or they'll fill margarita glasses with decorative beads or pens as a festive mood lighting at the bar.

"We're seeing a variety of creative uses of everyday items. And as consumer interest in entertaining continues to grow, the goal is to continue to provide innovative designs and ideas that can help to inspire creative transformations of meals into events," Zollweg said.

Older workers planning to leave should devise an exit strategy

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DETROIT — Most baby boomers know how to bargain for a raise, a promotion, extra time off or other perks, like the corner office.

But early retirement? That's not something this generation has much experience asking for or even coping with when employers push them toward the door.

It's the next, and possibly last, big career decision many of the nation's 76 million boomers will face.

The lucky ones who have saved enough money to quit their jobs before the traditional retirement age of 65 will be looking for an exit strategy. What leverage do they have to wrangle a bonus, a better pension or even part-time work from their employers?

Many others might be offered early retirement whether they're financially ready or not. If they don't take it, would they be laid off with a far less generous severance package?

"It is usually thrust upon them when they are not ready for it, and it can be a little traumatic," said Warren McIntyre, a certified financial planner in Troy, Mich. "The company usually initiates it to reduce the number of employees."

The first thing anyone contem-

plating early retirement must do is find out exactly what benefits he or she would qualify for based on job, salary and years of service. At the minimum, ask:

■ What pension benefits am I entitled to if I retire a month from now, a year from now, or five years from now?

■ What survivor benefits will my spouse receive if I die?

■ Will I continue to be covered under the company's health insurance plan until I become eligible for Medicare? And, if so, what will that coverage cost?

Those benefits should play a major part in deciding whether you can afford to take early retirement. As a rule of thumb, you should be able to replace 75 percent of your pre-retirement income by drawing on everything from your pensions and savings to Social Security payments.

Once you know where you stand, there are no written rules or best practices generally employed to negotiate a more lucrative departure.

It's possible, for example, that just six more months would allow you to complete a full 10, 20 or 30 years on the job and qualify for a significantly larger pension. You could ask your employer to add six months to your seniority as part of your retirement. But be

warned: There's nothing that says companies must grant such requests, and they often decline.

"I would have to say there might be a bit of wiggle room," said Jackie Perlman, senior tax research coordinator with H&R Block. "Unless we're talking about a company having some official plan or policy of retiring some class of people at a certain age or if they are planning to offer early buyouts, there is very little to negotiate."

One thing a growing number of employers are willing to discuss is the possibility of doing contract work after your retire, or phased-in retirement.

Michael Witty, for example, a 62-year-old professor of management and labor relations at the University of Detroit Mercy, accepted a 5-year phased-in retirement offer in which he was responsible for 75 percent of his normal teaching load but paid 90 percent of his salary.

It is part of an incentive program the university's Human Resources Department offers to its

more senior employees. Eligible educators can choose from several options that range from teaching a majority of one's original course load to consulting with no classroom responsibilities. The program is geared toward encouraging professors to think about retiring early.

If UDM didn't have such an option for employees such as Witty, the longtime academic probably would have considered staying on at least another 10 years.

"Teaching is one of those professions you really can't just walk away from totally," said Witty, who has another two years of his phased-in retirement left. "I think the program succeeded in getting me to take a second look at early retirement."

After he is done teaching, Witty plans to increase the number of workshops and seminars he leads, as well as consider teaching part time.

The creative packaging of an early retirement for workers such as Witty is the exception rather than the rule. Generally, employ-

ers are the initiators of early exit packages with a much shorter time frame.

When companies look to downsize or restructure their operations, a typical means is to offer white-collar employees voluntary buyout offers that usually include some kind of lump-sum payment based on years of service.

In those instances, eligible employees are often advised to take the deal. If a company doesn't have enough interest in the voluntary offers, it is likely to begin involuntary layoffs to ensure the cost cutting reaches its goal.

For years, Michael Browner had contemplated retiring as a media and promotions executive at General Motors Corp. But it wasn't until his bosses offered the 62-year-old a generous severance package

last winter that the West Branch, Mich., resident felt the right to take early retirement.

Among the perks Browner GM with was his retirement until age 65, his coordinating efforts and Blue Cross Blue Shield health care coverage for life.

"This opportunity enabled me to pull the trigger three years sooner than I was planning for," said Browner, who the automaker for 18 years.

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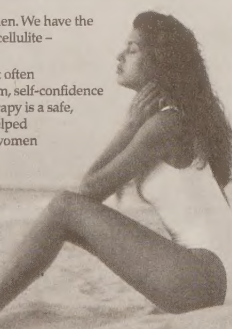
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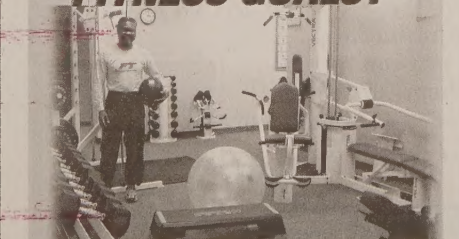


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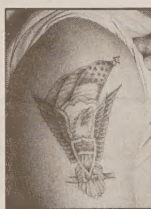
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